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THE HERITAGE AND THE HOPE

MARCH 16 TO 27, 2020





YOUR SPECIALIST-GUIDE: AMIR ORLY

With more than 30 years experience, a Master's degree in Biblical Studies and deep insight into his homeland's complex past, Amir Orly is the ideal guide to show you Israel's many treasures. He serves as a guide for dignitaries, media and heads of state and has developed and taught academic programs on religion and regional conflict for several American universities. Amir will enrich each stop along your journey with historical background and meaning.

YOUR ITINERARY

DAYS 1/2~MONDAY/TUESDAY~MARCH 16/17
WASHINGTON D.C./TEL AVIV/JERUSALEM

Board your overnight flight to Israel. Upon arrival the next day, you will be greeted by your Classic Escapes guide, Amir Orly, and driven to your hotel in Jerusalem. En route, visit the Haas Promenade for stunning views of the entire Jerusalem landscape including the Old City and surrounding walls.

Spend the next five days exploring Jerusalem, a mountainous city with a 5,000-year history, sacred to the three great monotheistic religions of the world – Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It is a major site of pilgrimage for all three religions as well as non-religious travelers, thanks to its unmatched historical and spiritual importance, its network of museums and concerts, and the archeological treasures that are continually discovered here. It is also a dynamic modern city shared by Jews, Christians and Arabs.

Located in the newly revived Ben Yehuda district, your boutique home for the next five nights, the Arthur Hotel, is idyllically positioned for guests to intimately discover the enchantment and historical beauty of Jerusalem. Named after Lord Balfour, the hotel's colonial theme reflects the spectrum of cultural influence and diversity of the city throughout the ages. Vintage photos adorn the walls, while the public lounge is charming and the restaurant serves delicious cuisine. All 58 rooms are meticulously designed to capture the charm of this era. Free Wi-Fi is offered throughout the hotel.

Overnight at the ARTHUR HOTEL. (Meals Afloat; Welcome cocktail and D) <https://www.atlas.co.il/arthur-jerusalem>



DAY 3~WEDNESDAY~MARCH 18

JERUSALEM

You will have a very full day of sightseeing! Highlights include the Temple Mount, City of David, the Jewish Quarter, Mount Zion and the Via Dolorosa.

Your first visit this morning is to the Temple Mount, an elevated plateau in the Old City of Jerusalem rich with history and religious importance. It is currently governed by the Waqf, or Supreme Muslim Religious Council. Like many sites in Jerusalem, the Temple Mount is sacred to Jews, Muslims and Christians alike. Originally, it was the site of the great Temple of Jerusalem, the holiest place in Judaism. For Muslims, it is the site of the Prophet Muhammad's journey to heaven described in the Qur'an. Finally, Christians revere it as a place frequently visited by Jesus and some believe it will play a major role in the end-time events.



From here you will go to the Western Wall of the Second Temple, destroyed in 70 A.D., and go to the area of the wall held sacred to Jews today. Tour the City of David, beginning with an observation position overlooking Biblical Jerusalem that will send you 3,800 years back in time to the days of Abraham, when the first foundations of the city were laid. View the Western Wall, the only remaining part of the holy temple and the holiest of Jewish sites. Enjoy a lecture by Palestinian journalist Haled Abu Toana for the personal perspective.

Following a Falafel lunch, walk the Via Dolorosa, which for many Christian pilgrims to Jerusalem, the most important and meaningful thing they will do while in the city, the route that Jesus took between his condemnation by Pilate and his crucifixion and burial. The route of the Via Dolorosa begins near the Lions' Gate in the Muslim Quarter and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the Christian Quarter, home to the holiest site in all of Christendom – the tomb where Christ was buried and was resurrected.

Next, step into the Jewish Quarter and discover tangible remains of a dramatic chapter in Jewish history, the period of its greatest grandeur: the time of the Second Temple. Following Babylonian captivity, Jews returned to Jerusalem and the area that is now the Jewish Quarter was inhabited by Jews once more and developed into an aristocratic and priestly residential neighborhood, with many luxurious mansions overlooking the Temple Mount.

Jerusalem was again leveled in 70 A.D. by Roman armies (the remains of houses burned in that blaze have been uncovered in what is now the Jewish Quarter); 65 years after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, they (and later their Byzantine successors) rebuilt the city. You can visit several recently uncovered vestiges of Byzantine times in the Jewish Quarter, including the Nea Church, and the southern end of the city's colonnaded north-south thoroughfare, the Cardo Maximus which is home to many shops and galleries.



Continue to Mount Zion where you will visit the room that is believed to have been the setting for the Last Supper and then King David's tomb. Return to the hotel where the rest of your evening is at leisure.
Overnight at the ARTHUR HOTEL. (B,L)

DAY 4~THURSDAY~MARCH 19

JERUSALEM

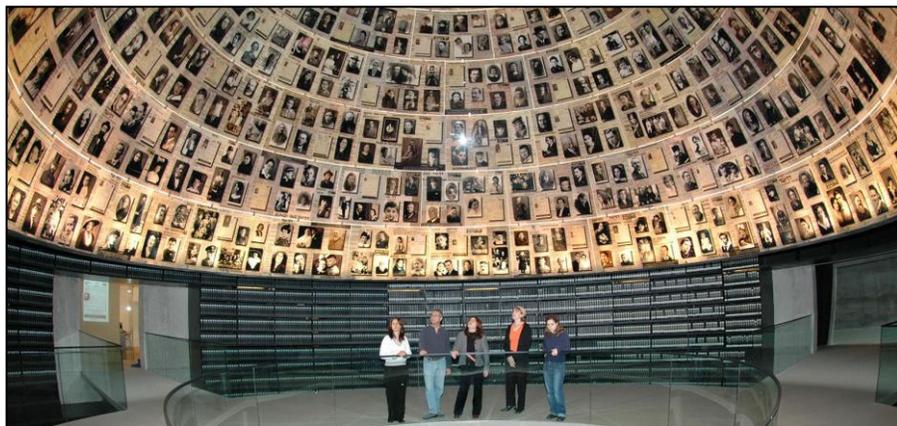
Begin the day at the Israeli Supreme Court for a tour of the striking compound. Its architects leaned heavily on the Bible and the precepts of Jewish thought in their design. The first thing you'll notice at the entrance foyer is the narrow staircase leading into the sky. Jerusalem stone walls on one side, and a bare flat wall on the other, symbolize the aspiration from the land (laws) towards the heavens (justice.) This same theme is repeated in the visual leitmotif of straight lines ("Your laws are straight," Psalms 119:113) and circles ("He leads me in the circles of Justice," Psalms 23:3.) The courtrooms are simple and elegant, the judges and lawyers sit along two tables that form a circle. And the building is conveniently situated between the Knesset (Israel's parliament) and the site of the future Prime Minister's office and residence - thus the judicial branch serves as mediator between the executive and legislative branches.



Continue to the Israel Museum. The most popular part of the museum is the Shrine of the Book, with its distinctive onion-shaped top. The roof was designed to resemble the jar covers in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. Inside, a long, subtly lit passageway, designed to evoke the environment that the scrolls were found, has a permanent exhibition on life in Qumran when the scrolls were written. The main attraction of the Shrine of the Book is, of course, the Dead Sea Scrolls themselves. Directly beneath the dome is an imposing showcase containing a replica of the Great Isaiah Scroll (written c. 100 BC), comprised of 66 chapters on a 23 ft long, sewn-together piece of parchment. This find was extremely important, as it is 1,000 years older than the oldest biblical manuscript available before. Another important exhibit here is the scale model of Jerusalem at the time of the Second Temple.



After lunch you will visit Mount Herzl Israel's National Cemetery named for Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism. Within the cemetery is Yad Vashem Museum, Israel's official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust. The new Hall of Remembrance is a remarkable architectural and educational achievement. Here you will also find the Children's Memorial and the path of trees creating the "avenue of the righteous among nations" honoring those who risked their lives to save Jews.



Return to your hotel (*time permitting*) to freshen up for dinner this evening at a restaurant near your hotel followed by the Sound and Light show at the "Tower of David". The tower's ancient walls come alive during the show that takes you on an inspiring open-air tour of Jerusalem's history.

Overnight at the ARTHUR HOTEL. (B,D)

DAY 5~FRIDAY~MARCH 20

JERUSALEM: MASSADA/EIN GEDI NATURE RESERVE/QUMRAN

Leave Jerusalem this morning for Masada, near the Dead Sea. You can take a cable car to hill top ruins of Massada, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built by King Herod, the site would later be the scene of the Zealots last stand against the Roman Legion. Determined not to become slaves to the Romans, they did the unthinkable, mass suicide. Some 960 souls chose death over surrender on that fateful day. Explore the ancient excavation of Herod's Palaces, the bathhouse, storerooms, the ramp and one of the oldest synagogues in the world.



Enjoy lunch and a swim at the HOD Hotel by the Dead Sea, one of the lowest points on earth.

The last stop of the day is at Qumran, the site of an Essene settlement and the place where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Return to Jerusalem this evening.

Overnight at the ARTHUR HOTEL. (B,L)

DAY 6~SATURDAY~MARCH 21

JERUSALEM: MOUNT OF OLIVES/BETHLEHEM

Drive through picturesque neighborhoods to the Mount of Olives with its stunning views of Jerusalem, where your guide, Amir Orly, will provide the lecture. According to Jewish tradition, the Messiah will appear here and bring the dead back to life; as a result, the hillside became the holiest cemetery, and is covered by thousands of graves. There are also some olive trees remaining and churches marking various acts in the life of Jesus.



Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane at the foot of Mount of Olives. It is mostly famous as the setting following the Last Supper where Jesus sorrowfully prayed to God the night before his crucifixion.

Perched on a hill at the edge of the Judean desert, just five miles south of Jerusalem is Bethlehem, the childhood home of the biblical King David. To get there you will pass thru a checkpoint in the fence separating Israel from the Palestinian Authority. It is also the birthplace of Jesus Christ and has been a major site of Christian pilgrimage since the construction of the Church of the Nativity in the 4th century AD. You will also visit the Shepherd's Fields, identified since ancient times with the shepherds who saw the Star of Nativity.



Not far away, you will visit a home in an Israeli settlement in the “West Bank” and get a chance to know more about the Jewish settlements and the resilient settlers.

Overnight at the ARTHUR HOTEL. (B,L)

DAY 7~SUNDAY~MARCH 22

BEIT SHE’AN/GOLAN HEIGHTS/TIBERIAS

Leaving Jerusalem for the Galilee, your first stop is Beit She’an, home to some of Israel’s most spectacular archaeological finds. The site features a large amphitheater (with a capacity of about 7,000 people,) a Byzantine era colonnaded street, ritual baths, a pottery workshop, a basilica, a Roman temple and much more.

Ascend the Golan Heights for panoramic views and proceed to the Golan Olive Oil Mill, adjacent to the ancient city of Qatzrin. Enjoy lunch and a guided tour of the olive oil press and skincare center.



In the afternoon, check into Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. The hotel is only a short distance from all local attractions in the Galilee region. It sits on 430,556 square feet of beautiful green landscapes which offer an intense backdrop to the nearby seashore and private beach. Each room has their own spectacular views of the grounds and are equipped with satellite televisions and mini-bars.

Overnight at KIBBUTZ NOF GINOSAR *in deluxe rooms*. (B,L,D)

DAY 8~MONDAY~MARCH 23

TIBERIUS: CAPERNAUM/TABGHA/SAFED

Visit Capernaum, once a fishing village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The town is first mentioned in the New Testament, where it figures prominently in the Gospel narratives as the place where Jesus lived during much of his ministry in Galilee. It was here, according to the New Testament, that he "cured many who were suffering from diseases," and "cast out many devils" in those possessed. View one of the oldest synagogues in the world as well as the church ruins that were built above St. Peter’s house.

Tabgha is not a city, but a small area on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee, not far from Capernaum. In ancient times, it was called Heptapegon, Greek for seven springs. These springs produce warm water, which increases the production of algae in this part of the lake in turn attracting more fish. Fishermen have flocked to Heptapegon for thousands of years. It is also the traditional site of the “miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes” and the third resurrection of Jesus. The hill above the two lakeside churches is the Mount of Beatitudes, where it is believed that Jesus preached the Sermon of the Mount.



Visit the ancient Galilean city of Safed, the highest city in Israel, commanding breathtaking views of Galilee with its green mountains and the white snow-capped peak of Mount Hermon. One of the four holy cities in Israel (Jerusalem, Tiberias, Hebron), it has been a spiritual center since the 1600s when it was the center of Kabbalah. The Kabbalist mystics lived, studied, taught, and wrote in the city and many of the graves are objects of worship. Wander through the alley ways past charming stone houses with their artists' studios and workshops and synagogues, some active for as many as 500 years.



Shaded by pine trees and situated midway between Haifa Bay and the peak of Mount Carmel, your home for the next two nights is an old building that has been converted into a five-star boutique hotel surrounded by a picturesque garden. All the 55 rooms are individually styled and offer all comforts and amenities. Breakfast is served in a spacious airy lounge which opens up to a garden. The hotel is very close to a German village where numerous restaurants and shops are located. Free Wi-Fi, an afternoon happy hour, and the ambience emanating from an old home make this the ideal spot to spend your time in Haifa.

Overnight at the BAY CLUB HAIFA. (B,D)
<https://www.atlas.co.il/bay-club-haifa>

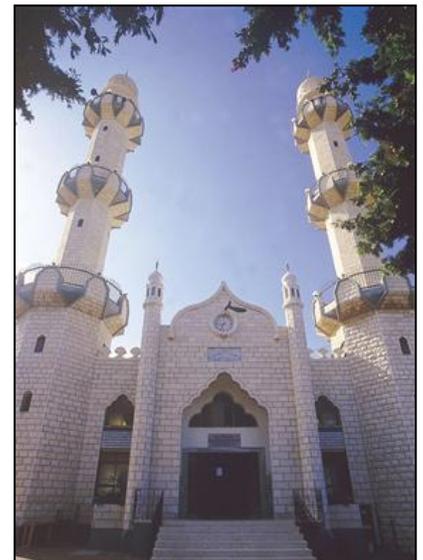
DAY 9~TUESDAY~MARCH 24

HAIFA

Haifa is located in northwest Israel overlooking a bay on the Mediterranean Sea, compared by some to the similarly-situated cities of Washington D.C. or Naples. Israel's third largest city, Haifa is a major industrial center and has a population of almost 300,000. According to a popular Israeli saying, "Tel Aviv plays while Jerusalem prays. But Haifa works!"

Like most of Israel, the area of Haifa has been populated since ancient times. Elijah is the city's most famous early inhabitant; here he meditated in a cave before defeating the priests of Baal. In April 22, 1948, the Arabs of Haifa surrendered to Israeli forces and the town remains under Israeli rule today. Most of Haifa's Arab inhabitants left after this, but the town still retains a cosmopolitan mixture of Muslim Arabs, Christian Arabs, and Baha'is.

Begin your day at the Technion, the Institute of Technology that has been the heart of the Israel's technology miracle. You will learn about some the discoveries for which Israelis have won Noble prizes.



Continue your cultural and religious journey as you drive through the recently reconstructed German Colony, originally built by the German Templar Society.

Travel north to the World Heritage Site of Acre, an exceptional historic walled port-city with continuous settlement from the Phoenician period, where you enjoy lunch. Acre became the capital of the Crusaders after they lost Jerusalem. Walk through the restored underground Crusaders City. The present city is characteristic of a fortified walled town dating from the 18-19th centuries, with well preserved components such as a citadel, mosques, khans, and baths.



End your day at Rosh Hanikra and go down by a short cable-car to the "grotto" - a cluster of caves carved by the sea in the cliffs. It is one of the most spectacular sites of natural beauty in Israel. The cliff and the seashore are a natural reserve with unique fauna and flora. On the slopes of the cliff, scented white seashore lilies, Narcissus and squill will be in bloom. Inside the grottoes, groups of bats spend their day resting on the ceiling while swallows and rock pigeons nest in the protective darkness of the caves. Flocks of seagulls wing their way to their nesting island a mile to the west. There one can observe most of the local and European shore and sea birds.



The rocky depths of the sea offer a welcoming habitat to all kinds of Mediterranean fish and other marine animals. The most attractive guest to this shore is the loggerhead turtle, a huge marine reptile that has chosen these rocky shores as a mating area. In early summer, after digging bottle-shaped pits in the sandy shores, female turtles lay their eggs. A couple of months later hundreds of tiny turtles dig their way out of the pits and hurry to the sea guided by the beams of a full moon.

Overnight at the BAY CLUB HAIFA. (B,L,D)

DAY 10~WEDNESDAY~MARCH 25 HAIFA/NAZARETH/TEL AVIV



First stop is the immaculate Bahai Gardens, with their stone peacocks and delicately manicured cypress trees, a restful, aesthetic memorial to the founders of the Baha'i Faith. Pilgrims come to Haifa from all parts of the world to pay homage to the first leaders of their religion, which emphasizes unity across cultures and religions. They believe that messengers of God like Moses, Jesus and Mohammed have been sent at different times in history with doctrines varying to fit changing social needs, but bringing substantially the same message.

Continue to Beit Lechem HaGilit where you will enjoy a special herbal cooking seminar followed by lunch.



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Head to Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus, and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, a modern Catholic Church built over the remains of Byzantine and Crusader churches. It incorporates the cave in which the Virgin Mary received the news from Gabriel that she would give birth to Jesus. The site has been a pilgrimage destination since earliest times and remains an important stop for Holy Land pilgrims today.

Enjoy a lecture by Amir Orly on the History of a Family.



Situated next to the Jaffa Clock Tower and Flea Market, your boutique home is The Market House Hotel. Taking inspiration from the unique and authentic atmosphere of ancient Jaffa, you'll discover the fascinating archaeological ruins of a Byzantine Chapel, viewed through the glass floor lobby. The hotel displays captivating art depicting the archetypal magic of the city. The 44 stylish rooms, presenting a bohemian urban aesthetic, offer a glimpse into the market activity below and the rising city beyond and offer all amenities. The hotel is known for its cuisine presented beautifully at its restaurant. WiFi is available throughout the hotel.

Overnight at THE MARKET HOUSE HOTEL, JAFFA. (B,L)
<https://www.atlas.co.il/market-house-hotel-tel-aviv-israel>

DAY 11~THURSDAY~MARCH 26

CAESAREA/TEL AVIV

Visit Givat Haviva, an institute dedicated to fostering the creation of a shared society, resisting racism and discrimination and building greater understanding between different groups in Israeli society and among nations, through education. Drive to Binyamina to visit the world-renowned Tishbi Winery for wine tasting and lunch.

Continue south to Caesarea, an ancient city, now archaeological park, located on the Mediterranean Sea. Constructed by Herod the Great between 22 and 10 BC and named for Caesar Augustus, Caesarea was one of the most splendid cities in Palestine and was the capital of the province for almost 600 years. See ruins from the Roman, Byzantine and Crusader eras and a virtual model of Ancient Caesarea and the enormous artificial port that even today would be considered an important feat of engineering.

Return to Tel Aviv in the late afternoon where you have some time to relax before your farewell dinner.

Overnight at THE MARKET HOUSE HOTEL, JAFFA. (B,L,D)



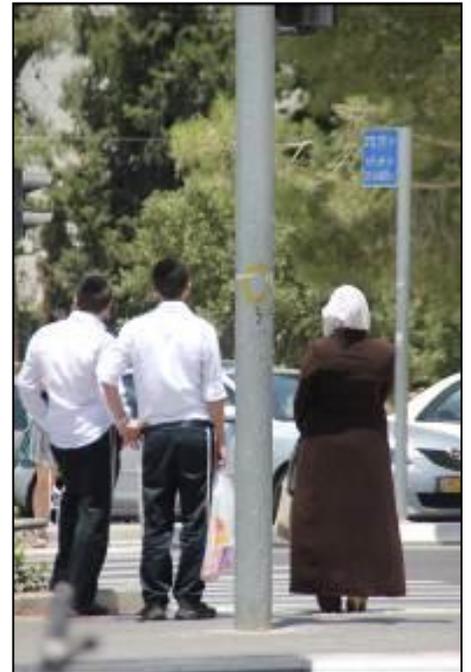
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DAY 12~FRIDAY~MARCH 27

TEL AVIV/WASHINGTON D.C.

Today after breakfast bid farewell to this amazing country as you board your international flight home. (Meals Aloft)



OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO JORDAN



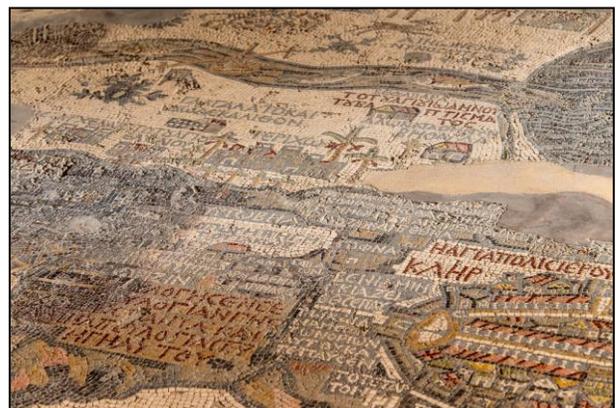
DAY 12~FRIDAY~MARCH 27

AMMAN/MT. NEBO/MADABA/PETRA

Today bid farewell to the rest of the group departing for the USA and get ready to discover the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan as you take an early flight to Amman. Upon arrival, board your bus and begin your exploration of this amazing country. Depart Amman for Petra by way of the Kings' Road. En route, visit the city of Madaba, where you will see the oldest map of the Holy Land – one of many beautifully preserved mosaics on the floor of Saint George's Church. A short drive leads you to the alleged burial site of Moses – Mt. Nebo, which overlooks the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Nearby, Franciscans have built a structure to protect a 4th and 6th century Byzantine Church.

Arrive in Petra in the late afternoon and your home for the next two nights. Located at the entrance to Petra site, stands your 183 room luxury hotel. Boasting authentic antiques, artwork and fine gold inlay, it is one of the most notable hotels in the Middle East and a recipient of the Aga Khan award for outstanding Islamic architecture.

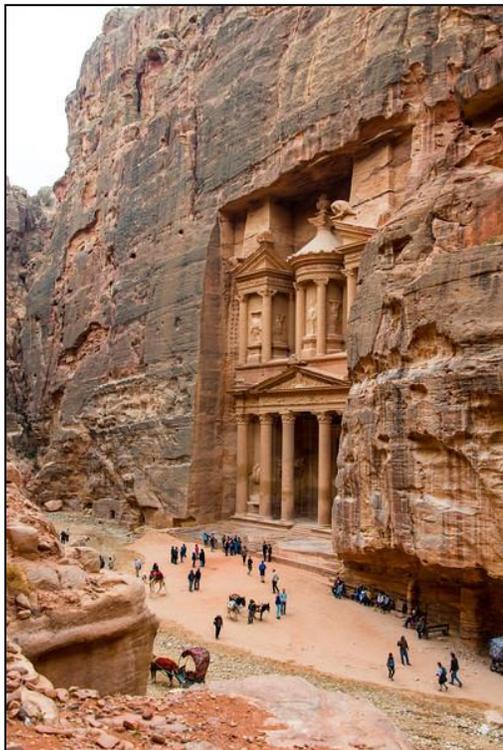
Overnight at the PETRA MOEVENPICK HOTEL. (B,L,D) www.moevenpick-hotels.com/hotels/petra_resort/



DAY 13~SATURDAY~MARCH 28

PETRA

Depart for a full day tour of Petra, the soul stirring, rose-red city and Jordanian national treasure, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Petra was an ancient Nabataean capital settled by industrious Arab traders more than 2,000 years ago. Petra's unique location enabled the Nabataeans to dominate the ancient Arabian trade routes, and the city became wealthy from the tolls it levied on the caravans that sheltered there with their precious cargoes of spices, silks, ivory and animal hides. In the ancient world, Petra was renowned for its refined culture, massive architecture, and ingenious system of dams and water channels. In the years following the Emperor Trajan's annexation of Petra, the city declined and slipped into obscurity until it was "discovered" in 1812 by a Swiss traveler. Excavations that revealed the astounding workmanship and the incredible ruins at Petra did not begin until 1924. Ongoing excavations continue to reveal more information about the Nabataean Kingdom.

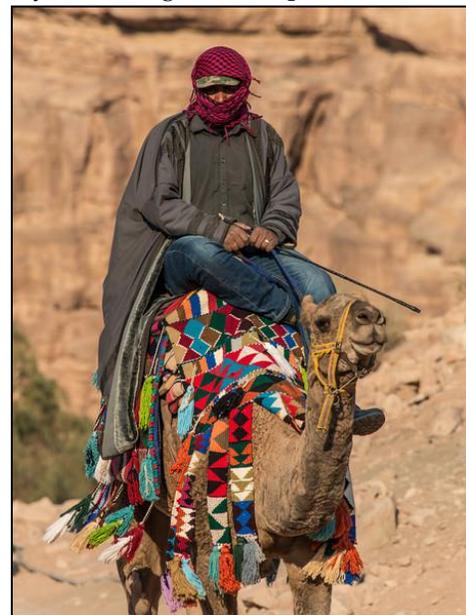


Petra still forms part of the domain of the Bedouin. You will see them with their horses and camels as you begin your unforgettable trip into this cultural landmark. After passing tombs outside the city, you come to the "Siq," an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone almost one-half mile long. This winding fissure separates overhanging cliffs that appear to meet 300 feet overhead. Near the end of the passage, the Siq makes one last turn and out of the gloom Petra's most impressive monument Al Khazneh (The Treasury) appears in the sunlight. One of the most elegant remains of antiquity, Al Khazneh is nearly 140 feet high and was carved from the mountain's solid rock in the First Century B.C. Originally used as a Nabataean king's tomb, Al Khazneh was later used as a Nabataean temple. Film buffs will recognize it from its starring role in the final scenes of the movie *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*.

Beyond Al Khazneh you are surrounded by hundreds of Petra's sculpted structures, soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a Roman amphitheater (seating 3,000) large and small houses, burial chambers, banquet halls, water channels and reservoirs, baths, monumental staircases, cultic installations, markets, arched gates, public buildings and paved streets – it's quite

overwhelming! This afternoon, return to your hotel in Petra. You will want to visit the nearby shop where you can buy the fine traditional crafts of the Queen Noor project.

Dinner at Petra Kitchen is a delightful way to round up your Jordan travel experiences. Like any home kitchen, the Petra Kitchen is a relaxed, informal atmosphere where you'll gather to prepare an evening meal, working alongside local women under the supervision of an experienced chef. Each evening meal includes soup, cold and hot Mezza, salads and a main course—all typical Jordanian dishes. You will get an inside glimpse of the secrets behind the famous regional cuisine of the Levant. Petra Kitchen



offers an evening of learning, fun and a very special dining experience, with each dish gaining the special flavor of a reward well-earned. Great care has been taken to make Petra Kichen a truly Jordanian experience – right down to the furnishings, all crafted in Jordan, the tableware, all produced by the Iraq al Amir Women’s Co-operative, and the aprons and table linen, all hand-embroidered by the Jordan River Foundation.

Overnight at the PETRA MOEVENPICK HOTEL. (B,L,D)

DAY 14~SUNDAY~MARCH 29

DEAD SEA

Follow the Araba Valley Road to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, lying some 1,300 feet below sea level. Float in the salty waters of this historical site and enjoy the wonderful facilities of your hotel and world class spa. You may want to take a trip to the tip of the Dead Sea to Lot’s Cave, an ancient cave believed to be used as a sanctuary by Lot and his daughters after the destruction of Sodom. The site, marked on the Madaba map of Palestine, was just recently discovered. Artifacts from 3000 BC have been found here. This is a hot and arid place filled with extraordinary geological formations.



Enjoy the tranquility of your resort and its natural resources. Float in the saltiest sea in the world while the ozone-rich air fills your lungs and sunshine warms your skin. Reminisce about all you have seen and experienced at tonight’s farewell dinner.

Overnight at the MOEVENPICK DEAD SEA RESORT. (B,L) www.moevenpick-hotels.com/hotels/dead_sea

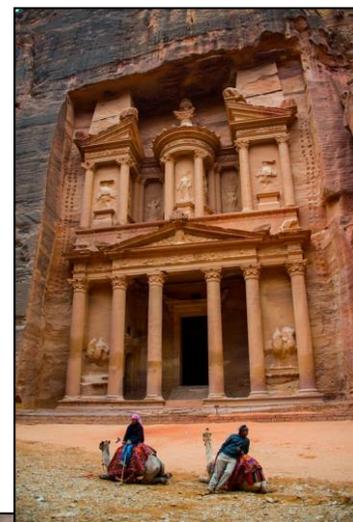
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DAY 15~MONDAY~MARCH 30

JERASH

Drive to Jerash, one of the best-preserved examples of Roman civilization in the world. Jerash, part of the Decapolis, has been called the “Pompeii of the East” for its unique state of preservation. The city features theaters, churches, temples (Zeus and



Artemis), a Nymphaeum and colonnaded streets. Proceed to the Saracen castle at Ajlun, a 12th-century castle built by Saladin in his successful campaign to drive the Crusaders from Jordan in 1189, and an outstanding example of Arab and Islamic military architecture.

Overnight at the MOEVENPICK DEAD SEA RESORT. (B,L)

DAYS 16/17~TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY~MARCH 31/APRIL 1 AMMAN/TEL AVIV/WASHINGTON D.C.

A day to rest and laze at the Dead Sea before driving back to Amman for your late evening (*currently LH flight is at 2:10 am on April 2*) flight back home. (B, Meals Aloft)



INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip flight between Tel Aviv and Amman on the post extension.
- Superior accommodations as indicated.
- All meals as specified in the itinerary.
- Complimentary bottled water throughout.
- Deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach throughout.
- An enrichment lecturer with 15 travelers on the main program and 10 on the extension.
- Services of a highly-trained English-speaking specialist guide, Amir Orly in Israel.
- Private visits to homes and museums as indicated in itinerary.
- All applicable hotel tips and taxes, plus gratuities for baggage handling.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants.
- Tips to specialist guide.
- All entry fees to visited monuments.
- Baggage tags and passport wallet.
- Complimentary Emergency Evacuation Insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip air transportation from Washington D.C. to Tel Aviv including departure taxes and fuel surcharges (quoted separately.)
- Cost of passport.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals other than specified and all beverages.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Currently, no visa is required for U.S. citizens to enter Israel. Israel may issue visas upon entry into the country. This is free of charge.
- **U.S. citizens require visas for Jordan, which MUST be obtained prior to arrival since you will be entering Jordan from Israel. You cannot wait and get the Jordanian visa upon arrival - you must have the visa prior to departing the US.**
- Personal, trip cancellation, accident and baggage insurance.
- Any cost not specifically included in the listing above.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing, And Is Subject To Change.

CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included wild dog, elephant, rhino and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania and Namibia, penguins in Punta San Juan Peru, tiger preservation in India, and sponsoring school children in Kenya, among many other projects around the world. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ISRAEL & JORDAN

Participants:

- To enjoy your trip to the fullest, you should be in good physical and mental health.
- Participants should be able to walk at an easy pace over uneven terrain at cities and sites of ancient ruins for three or four hours at a time, sometimes in hot weather.
- Your journey may include some strenuous activity. Walking on rough pavement and ascending/descending stairs will be required.
- Unfortunately, tourist sites in Israel are not required to be wheelchair/handicap accessible. There are no standards like we are accustomed to in US. Often it is difficult at best, and many times impossible, to accommodate wheelchairs and power chairs during the activities listed in the itinerary.

In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches can occur.
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity.
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate the destination with varied degrees of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land only” rate for this program. **The start and end city for this program is Tel Aviv. The Jordan extension returns from Amman.**

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.



YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: JERUSALEM, CITY OF DAVID, MOUNT ZION, TEMPLE MOUNT, MOUNT HERTZL, BETHLEHEM, MASSADA, DEAD SEA, EIN GEDI NATURE RESERVE, CAPERNAUM, TABGHA, EIN GEV, SAFED, HAIFA, NAZARETH, CAESAREA AND TEL AVIV

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY

ESCORTED BY: AN ENRICHMENT LECTURER FROM THE WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY

DATES: MARCH 16 TO 28, 2020

<u>COSTS:</u> PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN TOUR	JORDAN EXTENSION
LAND ONLY COST	\$5,995 PER PERSON	\$2,395 PER PERSON, INCLUDING TEL AVIV/ AMMAN FLIGHTS
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	\$1,795 PER PERSON	\$795 PER PERSON
ESTIMATED AIRFARE FROM WASHINGTON D.C. INCLUDING DEPARTURE TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	\$2,190 PER PERSON	N/A

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.*

***ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED.*

DEPARTURE CITY: WASHINGTON D.C.
(OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

REGISTRATION

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Office of Lifelong Learning, Washington and Lee University, 204 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450 together with a deposit of \$1,500 per person, plus \$500 for the extension. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$1,500 per person for the main trip and \$500 for the extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 95 days before departure (December 12, 2019) - you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

GRATUITIES AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are NOT included.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to December 12, 2019, \$300 handling fee, plus \$250 non-refundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.
- December 13, 2019-January 1, 2020, deposit is forfeited.
- January 2 to 11, 2020, less 75% of tour cost on both the main trip and the extension.
- After January 11, 2020, no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible at a cost of \$150 per person subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State (travel.state.gov) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip, economy-class flights via LUFTHANSA and/or other IATAN carriers are between WASHINGTON, D.C., and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

AIRLINE SEATING: For LUFTHANSA, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: This program is based on traveling via LUFTHANSA. For a list of the airline's partners, visit <http://www.staralliance.com/en/member-airlines>. Become a member of the mileage program for any of these airlines and present your frequent flyer card at all flight check-ins to obtain credit for your flights. Remember to keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

INOCULATIONS: When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/travel) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

BAGGAGE: On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this international weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light as the weight allowance on the small planes in Botswana is 44 pounds, including hand luggage and camera equipment. Further, only soft-sided duffel bags are accepted, without wheels, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition, the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

REFUNDS: While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a trip due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the trip takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a trip constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this trip, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the program, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above-mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover. **PLEASE NOTE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE SHOULD TOUR BE CANCELED BY PARTICIPANT.**

INCLUDED EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during this trip through Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000.
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=NW&ProductCode=009031&PlanCode=P4&FileType=PROD_PLAN_DOC

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Please indicate in the chart below whether or not you prefer to receive paperless correspondence from us – all you need to do is put a check under the “green” symbol for yes or a check under the “NO” for no.

Simply fax or email your responses to reservations@classicescapes.com!

You Will Receive The Following Items For Your Program:		NO
Welcome Letter		
Preliminary Materials – prelude packet and invoice		
Reminder Invoice with balance due		
Paid-in-Full Invoice		
Final Documents – species list, journal and final booklet		

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Trip Tour Code: 20ASL0316/WLU

Together we can make the world a better place!

Thank you for your support,



RESERVATION FORM:

WASHINGTON & LEE~ ISRAEL

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$1,500 per person, plus \$500 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Cultural Adventure to Israel departing on March 16, 2020. Cost is \$5,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air, from Washington, D.C. is \$2,190 including departure taxes and fuel surcharges. (As of April 18, 2018, subject to change)

Final payment due date is: **December 12, 2019**

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to Office of Lifelong Learning, Washington and Lee University, 204 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450 OR

Charge deposit to: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and must have four consecutive blank pages in the visa section.

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the Organization or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of:
 \$2,395 for the Jordan post-extension including the flight Tel Aviv/Amman
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
 \$1,795 for the main trip \$795 for the Jordan post-extension

- Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from _____ Washington, D.C. via Lufthansa.
- Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: _____ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.
Please send me information on air upgrades for: Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)
Airline Seating Preference Aisle Window Frequent Flier # _____

***We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection. The special rates negotiated by Classic Escapes are not upgradable.*

- I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of April 18, 2018 and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. I/WE HAVE READ THE GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION OF THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Card Verification Number* _____ Card Type _____

Billing address of credit card _____

Amount of transaction _____

Services rendered/Items purchased _____

Phone number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of April 18, 2018, and are subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

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PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.