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BIBLICAL WONDERS OF JORDAN & ISRAEL

With Women of the Midwest!

October 28 - November 8, 2023



Dear Travelers,

We have spent a lifetime reading the history of the Holy Land and the many places in Bible history. Now you and I can walk these "footsteps" together in our Women of the Midwest's Biblical Wonders of Israel and Jordan.

We are met by guides- not only knowledgeable in ancient Biblical history but of our modern history and the restoration of the state of Israel and the return of the Jews. From the Garden of Gethsemane, River Jordan, The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, The Dead Sea Scroll Caves, Masada, to touring the remains of the ancient civilization of Petra, Jordan - what a journey it will be in terms of history, faith renewal, and spiritual joy. And, we will even have the opportunity to ride a camel!

How did the city of Petra survive in a desert with no wells or underground water of any kind? We'll learn about this civilization's ingenious capture of rainwater and irrigation canals. And how their kingdom was literally chiseled out of the rose-red rocks of the area.

Biblical history and ancient civilizations come alive as we explore the Holy Land in this journey with Women of the Midwest.

Shalom,
Lisa Anderson, Ambassador
Women of the Midwest



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October 28, 2023 - Saturday

Traveling to Amman, Jordan

Our wonderful and life-changing adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Amman, Jordan. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your dream vacation.

October 29, 2023 - Sunday

Amman

We arrive in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Upon arrival, we meet our tour guide, who will accompany us during our journey in Jordan. We transfer to our hotel for an evening in Amman. Enjoy a welcome dinner, retire to our rooms, and be ready for an early departure in the morning. Inflight meals | D

October 30, 2023 - Monday

Petra

Early this morning, we turn southward toward the amazing mountain fortress of Petra, known to be inhabited by the Edomites - the descendants of Esau. We travel on the King's Highway, where to the west, we view the hills bordering the Dead Sea. This is the area of the hilltop palace/fortress of Machaerus, where John the Baptist was beheaded. Arriving in Petra, we begin our tour with a walk through the "Siq," an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone, to the city of Petra, carved out of the rose-red rock. The Treasury, El Khazneh, is one of the most elegant remains of antiquity. Beyond El Khazneh, we are surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures. The evening is spent at a nearby hotel, and dinner is served in their beautiful restaurant. B | D

October 31, 2023 - Tuesday

Mount Nebo, Madaba, Tel Aviv, Israel

Our morning tour begins in the town of Madaba, the biblical Medeba, 20 miles south of Amman. Madaba is best known for its Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics, and at the Greek Orthodox Church of St.

George, we view the earliest surviving mosaic map of the Holy Land. Mt. Nebo, believed to be the site of the tomb of Moses, commands a spectacular view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Study the panorama as we read the scripture of God showing Moses the "Promised Land" before He brought Him home to heaven. We travel west toward the Allenby Bridge and view the Plains of Moab to the North, the area where the tribes of Israel camped before crossing Jordan, and we picture the place where Jesus was baptized. Crossing the Jordan River into Israel, we say goodbye to our Jordanian tour guide and hello to our Israel tour guide. We drive to the Tel Aviv area with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. You may wish to take a devotional time with the sunset over the "Great Sea," a time of prayer and thanks for the special blessings ahead, a prayer for the people of this land, and then enjoy a good night's rest. B | D

November 1, 2023 - Wednesday

Caesarea, Megiddo, Nazareth

After breakfast, we travel along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea, where Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter and were baptized. We will see the Roman Amphitheatre and aqueduct and then journey to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah challenged King Ahab and the prophets of Baal. Next, we travel through the Jezreel Valley to Megiddo, the Armageddon Battlefield, where archaeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilization. We drive through the area of Cana and Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. There we visit the Nazareth Village - a wonderful recreation of Biblical times with costumed guides. Dinner and overnight lodging for the next two nights in the area of the Sea of Galilee. B | D

November 2, 2023 - Thursday

Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Capernaum, Magdala, Sea of Galilee, Mt. of Beatitudes
Following breakfast, our morning travels

take us to two valuable northern sites. Dan, where the children of Israel fell to the depths of alternative sacrifice, and Caesarea Philippi, the site of Peter's Confession and pagan worship. We pass the possible site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes in Bethsaida and the Mount of the Beatitudes. Returning to Tiberias for a St. Peter's Fish Lunch, we then visit the ancient Fisherman Boat, followed by a relaxing boat tour on the Sea of Galilee. A brief scripture reading and devotional on board bring to life the experiences of Jesus and the fishermen disciples. In Capernaum, we view the excavations of the seaside village and Peter's home, followed by a visit to Magdala, hometown of Mary Magdalene. The recent excavation of the First Century Synagogue and the well-preserved village makes Magdala one of the most interesting Biblical sites in Israel. The evening is yours to relax. B | L | D

November 3, 2023 - Friday

Jordan River Baptism Site, Beth Shean, Dead Sea

We begin our day with the opportunity to be baptized at the Jordan River Baptismal site. Next, we travel southward to Beit-Shean/Scythopolis, the most magnificent archaeological site in Israel, located at the strategic juncture of the Jezreel and Jordan valleys. Like Jericho, it has been almost continuously occupied throughout history. After defeating Saul and his sons on Mt. Gilboa, the Philistines hung their bodies on the walls of Beit Shean. During the time of Jesus, Scythopolis was one of the chief cities of the Decapolis - a league of ten cities sharing Greek culture and government. Following the fertile Jordan Valley, our guide will point out the agricultural restoration of the "Land of Milk and Honey" and Israel's intricate irrigation development. We pass ancient Jericho and view from a distance this city famed as the oldest in the world. To the east of Jericho along the Jordan River Valley

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(Qeser El Yehud) is the Israeli side of Bethany Beyond the Jordan. In this area, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, Elijah, and Elisha crossed the Jordan, as well as the children of Israel, led by Joshua, entered the Promised Land. Our lodging for the evening is at the Dead Sea – the lowest place on earth. Spend time in the special spa and enjoy a dip in the Dead Sea for a relaxing float before dinner. B | D

November 4, 2023 - Saturday

Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea Scrolls, Abraham's Tent

After a hearty breakfast, we take a cable car ride to the mountaintop fortress of Masada. Here our guide will treat us to the history of the famous zealot stand. Afterward, we proceed to Ein Gedi, "Spring of the Goat," an oasis on the western shore of the Dead Sea. Because of its warm climate and abundant supply of water, the site developed a reputation for its fragrant plants and date palm groves. This is where King David hid from Saul and where God defeated the enemies of the Israelites by praise and worship led by King Jehoshaphat. Next, we visit Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. This afternoon we will take part in the Genesis Land dinner in Abraham's Tent, where we enjoy a trip back in time: a reliving of life in the time of the Patriarchs, complete with costume, dramatic presentation, and authentic food. Our lodging for the next four nights will be in Jerusalem. B | D

November 5, 2023 - Sunday

Around Jerusalem, Bible Times

Conditions permitting, we will visit the Temple Mount with commentary on the Temple Periods and the variety of belief systems, past and present, that make this area so valuable. Next, we will visit the Wailing Wall and the fascinating Rabbinical Tunnels leading us through the Second Temple era. The tunnel and exhibit give a clear understanding of the

amazing construction of the Temple Mount, giant stones, water supply and Roman street where our Lord was led to judgment. Before exiting the tunnel, we see the immense cornerstone rejected by the builders. We move on to the Judgment Hall of Pilate, hear of those who conspired against Him and are reminded of His brutal beating and humiliation. From here, we will also see the Pool of Bethesda, Stephen's Gate, and St. Ann's Church. This afternoon we visit the Southern Wall Excavations. This southern side of the Temple was the main entrance for the common folk. From here, Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money exchangers who were exploiting the people. It is also likely that this is the place where Peter preached and where thousands were saved and baptized on the Day of Pentecost. Those who wish may stay in the city marketplace for shopping, while others may choose to spend the remainder of the day surrounding the birth of Christ with a visit to Bethlehem. B | D

November 6, 2023 - Monday

Israel Museum, House of Caiaphas, Yad Vashem

After a filling breakfast, an interesting and educational time awaits us today at the Israeli Museum. Take a walk through collections of century-old Israeli artifacts, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, and then enjoy a guided walk through an accurately detailed model of Biblical Jerusalem. This model will help put into perspective all you have seen over the previous days of touring. Next, we visit the House of Caiaphas, where Jesus was beaten and spit upon. See a pit where He may have been held for the evening and the ancient hillside steps He walked as He was taken to be condemned. We conclude the day with a visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum, for a needed reminder of what the Jews have suffered as a people. This evening we may enjoy a special lecture

by a local believer prior to dinner, giving us a perspective of Messianic life in Israel (will be confirmed during the tour). B | D

November 7, 2023 - Tuesday

Jesus' Steps, Last Days, Way of Suffering, Garden Tomb

Today we walk where Jesus walked; beginning the day with a panoramic view of the city, Mount Moriah and the Dome of the Rock from atop the Mount of Olives and then the Garden of Gethsemane. How many have wished to be whisked back in time to get a glimpse of our Lord or hear His voice, if only for a moment? To walk between the ancient olive trees, read the scriptures of Jesus' prayer, and take time for personal reflection is important here. Passing by the Protestant Cemetery, we visit the "Upper Room" just outside the Zion Gate where the disciple John, whom Jesus loved, laid his head on His breast and where later Thomas cried, "my Lord & my God." While walking along the Via Dolorosa, we are reminded of His way of suffering, along with a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Our guide will explain the differing opinions on the route that Christ was led and the actual place of crucifixion and burial site. The climax of the day is the area of Golgotha (place of the skull) and the Garden Tomb, where we celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise. B | D

November 8, 2023 - Wednesday

Traveling home

All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Tel Aviv airport in plenty of time to check-in for our flight and to clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B

Itinerary subject to change.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



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A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on July 28, 2023, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

Group airfare:

We offer group airfare, see separate page.

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Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4

This tour involves walking up to 5-6 miles over the course of most of the days (Add to this the walking you do outside the group activities), stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and some steep areas within the places visited. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are recommended.

Included:

- 10 nights during the tour in Jordan & Israel at 4-star hotels
- 10 x breakfast
- 1 x lunch (day 6)
- 10 x dinner
- All transportation as per tour program
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Full-time English-speaking professional tour guide in Jordan and Israel
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Headphones where required
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, and hotel staff
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, October 28 - November 8, 2023
- All local taxes and fees as per March 22, 2023
- Jordan Visa upon arrival to Amman*

*A visa is not required for Israel. For entering Israel and Jordan, your passport must be valid at least six months longer than your date of the return.

Not Included:

- Airfare, see separate page
- Airline baggage fees. Please note, your first checked piece up to 50 lbs is FREE
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

Hotel Accommodations (standard rooms):

- Geneva Hotel, Amman
- Hayat Zaman, Petra/Wadi Musa
- Leonardo Plaza, Netanya
- Ein Gev, Sea of Galilee
- David Resort, Dead Sea
- Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem

Final accommodations are confirmed with the delivery of your travel documents, 30 days prior to departure.



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October 28, 2023	Omaha* - Chicago	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
October 28, 2023	Chicago - Washington (IAD)	2:40 PM - 5:29 PM
October 28, 2023	Washington (IAD) - Amman	10:00 PM - 3:55 PM (October 29, 2023)
November 8, 2023	Tel Aviv - Chicago	12:50 AM - 5:35 AM
November 8, 2023	Chicago - Omaha*	9:05 AM - 10:33 AM

\$1,450 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur.

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Premium seating (upgrades) can be purchased and confirmed at this time. Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure, and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft.

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