

**WE PIONEERED THIS TOUR WHICH BECAME OUR BESTSELLER. THANK GOD WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN INSPIRING THOUSANDS TO DEEPEN THEIR FAITH AND FIND NEW FRIENDS.**

**Day 01/Apr 08** MANILA/CAIRO

**Day 02/Apr 09** CAIRO

Arrive in Cairo. Start sightseeing to Old Cairo. Visit the Church of the Holy Virgin Mary or the “Hanging Church” built in the 4<sup>th</sup> BC. There were apparitions of the Virgin Mary here. Proceed to hotel for dinner and accommodation. (LD)

**Day 03/Apr 10** CAIRO

Start the day with a visit to a Wonder of the World, the **Pyramids of Giza** and the nearby **Sphinx**. Then to the **Egyptian Museum** housing the gold treasures of Tutankhamen, an exciting first encounter with the splendor of three millennia of Egyptian civilization. This is one of the richest and remarkable museums in the world. In between you will visit a Papyrus Museum and a perfumery. Feel the time of Cleopatra as you take on a Nile River cruise with a folkloric dinner show (BLD)

**Day 04/Apr 11** CAIRO/TABA

Early drive to Sinai Desert passing by the Suez Canal and Moses’ Spring. If time permits, visit St Catherine Monastery and see the Burning Bush. Overnight at a resort along the Red Sea. (BLD)

**Day 05/ Apr 12** TABA/JERUSALEM, Israel

Leave Taba border and get into Israel. Drive through the Arava Desert with their rocks and mountains in red, gray, yellow and white, and the next minute you are at the Gulf of Eilat on the shores of the Red Sea. This was where the Queen of Sheba arrived on her historic visit to King Solomon.

Continue to **Jericho**, a flourishing oasis in the Judean Desert at the northern end of the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth. Swim or test its healing waters. Available are many products good for skin ailments. Archaeological research has confirmed Jericho as being the oldest city in the world. **Jericho** was the first city conquered by Joshua in the Promised Land and it appears as the background for many incidents in the New Testament. View the Mount of Temptation. **Renew baptismal vows** at **Qaser El Yahud**, site of the baptism of Jesus by St. John the Baptist. Drive to the Holy City of Jerusalem for accommodation. (BLD)

**Day 06/Apr 13** JERUSALEM

On to **Mount Olives** with its church built in memory of Jesus’ ascension to heaven and a view of the Old City of Jerusalem, the Judean Desert, Moab Mountains and Dead Sea. Visit the **Pater Noster Church**, **Dominus Flevit Church** where Jesus wept.

Then to the **Church of All Nations**, the **Rock of Agony** and the Garden of Gethsemane. Remember the Agony in the Garden? To **Mount Zion**, to visit the **Room of the Last Supper** where also the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles. Nearby is the Dormition Abbey from where the Blessed Mary went up to heaven. Visit **St. Peter in Gallicantu** (Caiphas House), the Apostle’s Jail, the Sacred Stairway and view the Potter’s Field. On to **Mount Moriah** to visit the **Western Wall** (Wailing Wall). This is the holiest place of the Jewish faith.

Continue to **BETHLEHEM**, birthplace of Jesus. Meditate on the glory of the Birth of Our Savior at the **Church of the Nativity**. Sing Christmas hymns! Celebrate! What a glorious feeling! Drive to the **Shepherd’s Field and Cave Chapel**, a recent Byzantine excavation and past Ruth the Moabite’s Fields to the Judean Wilderness. (BLD)

**Day 07/ Apr 14** JERUSALEM

Pray the **Stations of the Cross** along the **Via Dolorosa**. You’ll feel how much you’ve contributed to Christ’s sufferings, with this unforgettable experience. The way ends at the most venerated Church of the **Holy Sepulchre**, site of the **Calvary**. Then to Bethany to visit the Tomb of Lazarus.

Visit the scale model of Jerusalem of the Second Temple period in the days of Christ. Drive to **Ein Kerem**, birthplace of John the Baptist. Walk through the picturesque old village to visit the **Basilica of Visitation** and the **Church of St. John the Baptist**. Also visit Yad Vashem Museum, a memorial to the Holocaust. (BLD)

**Day 08/ Apr 15** JERUSALEM/TIBERIAS

Stop at the ruins of a twelfth century church now mark the village of **Emmaus**, toward which two disciples were walking when Jesus appeared to them after the Resurrection. Walking the road with Jesus has become a powerful symbol of Christian life, and Emmaus is an excellent place to ponder it. There is more than one “Emmaus” because of differing distances from Jerusalem given in various versions of Luke, but early Christian scholars believed it was here, overlooking the Valley of Ayalon (Josh 10:12). The town, where archaeologists have unearthed interesting Roman and Byzantine remains, first became known for a great victory of the Jews over the Greeks in 165BC. (BLD)

Continue to **Caesaria**, built by Herod the Great, meant to be a Roman bastion of might. Here is where Peter baptized the centurion Cornelius. See the Amphitheater, a reminder of the Roman, Herodian and Crusader periods. Up to **Haifa**, Israel’s third largest city, to visit **Mount Carmel** of the prophet Elijah. Pray at the Church, the biggest of the Carmelite Order. See the breathtaking view of the city and take photos

of the world center of the Bahai faith. Up to Mount Tabor to visit the **Church of Transfiguration**. Spend the night in Tiberias. (BLD)

**Day 09/Apr 16** TIBERIAS

Begin at the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus proclaimed the Eight Beatitudes. Remember, “**Blessed are the pure in spirit for they will see God**”. Meditation here. Pray at the St. Peter’s Primacy Church on the Sea of Galilee shore. Follow Jesus’ path to **Tabgha**, where he fed the multitudes with five loaves and two fishes. Walk along the shores of **Capernaum**; visit St. Peter’s house, where Jesus preached and healed Peter’s mother-in-law. Take an exhilarating ferry boat ride across the **Sea of Galilee**. It’s a time for celebration. Remember when Jesus calmed its stormy waters?

Drive to **Cana** to the **Church of the Wedding**, where the first miracle happened. Eucharistic Celebration and **renewal of marriage vows**. Here’s where the first miracle happened. (BLD)

**Day 10/Apr 17** TIBERIAS/PETRA, Jordan

On to **Nazareth**, city chosen by God for the annunciation of the birth of His Son. Here Jesus grew to manhood. Visit the **Basilica of Annunciation and St. Joseph’s workshop**. Continue to the border to Jordan. Arrive at the fabled rose city of **Petra**, the 2,000 year old Nabatean capital accidentally rediscovered in 1812. (BLD)

**Day 11/Apr 18** PETRA/AMMAN

Ride by horse to the **Siq**, a half mile long unforgettable gorge. Experience the “Indiana Jones” film. At last you stand in awe in front of the **Treasury**, a Wonder of the World now declared the new “7<sup>th</sup> Wonder of the World”, a rose colored monumental building artfully carved out of sheer rock. Continue on to see the other temples and tombs carved into the mountainside. This used to be the capital of the Nabatean civilization. Travel to Amman for the night.(BLD)

**Day 12/ Apr 19** AMMAN/MANILA

Stand at **Mt. Nebo** marked by a simple chapel. It is here where Moses viewed Canaan of Israel. God did not allow him to enter and live out his life together with Joshua and the masses he led out of Egypt. . Visit the town of Madaba to see the mosaic of the Holyland in the early times. Rest of the day is at leisure until transfer to the airport for your flight back home. (BL)

**Day 13/Apr 20** ARRIVE IN MANILA

**DUBAI EXTENSION**

**Day 12/Apr 19** AMMAN/DUBAI

Arrive Abu Dhabi and continue to Dubai for accommodation. (BL)

**Day 13/Apr 20** DUBAI

Dubai is a gem of modernism in the Arab world. Its architectural skyline is a sight to behold. Other than the traditionally city sites of a

unique museum showcasing the arab way of life, a mosque, you may cross the creek in a traditional boat and a gold souk (market), the likes of which you'll not see anywhere, it is hoped that we can with time available. An unforgettable desert excursion that winds through a camel farm topped by a Bedouin tent dinner firth in the desert. How about belly dancing? (BD)

**Day 14/Apr 21 DUBAI FREE DAY**  
Or join an optional tour to Abu Dhabi. (B)

**Day 15/Apr 22 DUBAI/MANILA**  
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back home. (B)

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