

Dubai / Jordan / Israel

Designed Exclusively for: The Myers Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 DUBAI

Upon arrival into Dubai airport, a Gold Marhaba greeter will greet you at your aircraft. They will assist you with the security and immigration process.

The Four Seasons hotel representative will then introduce you to the driver who will bring you to the Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumeirah Beach for check in.

ACCOMMODATION: Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumeirah beach

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 DUBAI

With your private guide and driver, begin the day marveling at the world's tallest building: Burj Khalifa, situated next to the massive Dubai Mall. Visit the aquarium, which brims with aquatic life, including sharks and stingrays. See the Dubai Marina district, which features the world's largest man-made island, Palm Jumeirah. Visit Madinat Jumeirah bazaar. Later, board the glass-enclosed, air-conditioned 'Bateaux Dubai' for a shared gourmet dinner cruise accompanied by live entertainment.

ACCOMMODATION: Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumeirah beach



DUBAI

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 ABU DHABI

Take a day trip with your guide to explore Abu Dhabi, seeing the falcon hospital and museum (schedule permitting). View the magnificent Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world — able to accommodate more than 30,000 worshippers. Visit Saadiyat Island to visit the Louvre Abu Dhabi, and catch a glimpse of what will be the art hub of the UAE, with projects such as the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi and the Zayed National Museum.

ACCOMMODATION: Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumerah beach

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 DUBAI

Enjoy a day at leisure with time to enjoy your resort's facilities or explore the area further.

ACCOMMODATION: Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumerah beach

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 DUBAI DESERT CONSERVATION RESERVE

Drive to the heritage area of Bastakiya, where you discover Al Fahidi Fort, site of the Dubai Museum. Continue by *abra* (traditional water taxi) across the creek to stroll the spice and gold *souks*. See Burj Al Arab and the Jumeirah Mosque. Continue on to your desert resort, where you join shared activities exploring the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve and taking in the local wildlife.

ACCOMMODATION: Al Maha, A Luxury Collection Desert Resort & Spa



MONDAY, MARCH 16

DUBAI DESERT CONSERVATION RESERVE

Enjoy the property today at leisure. Offering secluded tranquility and iconic vistas of the sweeping plains and Hajar Mountain massif, there is much to do and see. Take an unforgettable horse ride, camel trek or nature walk. Join a signature desert safari or practice the distinguished arts of archery and falconry.

ACCOMMODATION: Al Maha, A Luxury Collection Desert Resort & Spa

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

DUBAI

Return to Dubai, and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: Palace Downtown



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 JORDAN

A private transfer has been arranged for the airport to board your flight to Jordan.

Upon arrival in Jordan, you are greeted at your aircraft for a VIP customs process.

Your private driver will take you to your hotel for rest and to enjoy your exceptional suite.

ACCOMMODATION: Four Seasons Hotel Amman

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 AMMAN

After breakfast, meet your private guide and driver. You then depart for a visit to Jerash, a city founded by Alexander the Great. Often called "the Pompeii of the Middle East," Jerash was decimated by invasion and earthquake over the centuries. A journey through Jerash brings history to life. Here in the hills of Gilead, remains from Neolithic times have been found, as well as Greek, Byzantine, Umayyad and others.

Jerash's golden age, however, arrived with Roman rule and theatres and temples were continuously added as the city thrived under the Roman Empire. The massive ruins are spread over a large area divided and crisscrossed by colonnaded streets whose pavements still show the grooves of chariot wheels.

Return to Amman and, after lunch at a local restaurant, explore the city including its Citadel and Roman Theater. Amman has served as both the modern and ancient capital of Jordan and is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world.

ACCOMMODATION: Four Seasons Hotel Amman



FRIDAY, MARCH 20 AMMAN

This morning, visit the Royal Automobile Museum, home to King Hussein's personal collection of cars and motorcycles. Enjoy a local lunch.

After lunch, journey to Mount Nebo, where the Bible says Moses glimpsed the Promised Land - which he would never enter - and spent his final days. This area affords fantastic views westward; on clear days, you can spot Bethlehem and Jerusalem from this vantage point. Explore the city of Madaba - often called the "City of Mosaics" - because of its spectacular Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics. See the famous sixth-century map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land; comprised of two million pieces of colored stone, it depicts villages as far away as the Nile Delta.

Finish the day with check-in at your hotel. Your luggage transfer has been arranged.

ACCOMMODATION: Movenpick Resort Petra

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 PETRA

Today you have a full day to explore Petra - described by UNESCO as "one of the most precious cultural properties of man's cultural heritage." Major sites include the Treasury (*familiar to viewers of the movie Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*), the Temple of the Winged Lions and the Palace Tomb.

Once a rich merchant city and a stop for the camel caravans bringing spices, silk and slaves from Arabia to the Mediterranean, Petra was lost for 1,000 years, emerging from antiquity in 1812, when it was re-discovered by the Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt. Later depart for Wadi Rum - the Valley of the Moon - which, with its immense size, color and awe-inspiring shapes, creates an almost supernatural atmosphere.

Set against the backdrop of Wadi Rum's majestic desert, Sun City Camp, your home for the evening, promises an immersive, authentic Bedouin experience surrounded by the majesty of Wadi Rum. Tonight, experience a Bedouin dinner and stargazing at your comfortable desert camp.

ACCOMMODATION: Sun City Camp



SUNDAY, MARCH 22 AMMAN

This morning, explore the rose-tinted mountains and marvelous desert vistas where T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) lived with his Bedouin friends and allies during World War I. Bedouin camps are evident in the *wadi*, which is still home to a number of Bedouin families. Traverse Wadi Rum by four-wheel-drive vehicle and camel to take in the unforgettable landscape.

In the afternoon, travel north to the Dead Sea, and settle in to your superb accommodations.

ACCOMMODATION: Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea

MONDAY, MARCH 23 THE DEAD SEA

Today, visit Bethany Beyond the Jordan, known as the place of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. This UNESCO World Heritage Site features Roman and Byzantine remains and is a place of pilgrimage for many.

Return to your resort hotel for time at leisure and take a dip in the buoyant, mineral rich Dead Sea waters. Ever since the days of Herod the Great, people have flocked to the Dead Sea in search of its curative secrets.

ACCOMMODATION: Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea



TUESDAY, MARCH 24 ISRAEL

Today your journey takes you across the border into Israel, the "Promised Land" of the Bible, and the scene of some of the most stirring events in history. You make your border crossing via the Allenby-King Hussein Bridge with the assistance of special VIP service. Upon arrival at the Israeli side of the bridge, you are met and driven to the Mount of Olives for a wonderful view of the city including the Temple Mount (or Al Haram el-Sharif). At the foot of the hill you see the Garden of Gethsemane where, according to the Bible, Jesus prayed with his disciples before his crucifixion.

Continue to Mahna Yahuda, Jerusalem's largest food market, which takes up an entire neighborhood, between Yafo and Agripas. Cap off your market tour with a delicious lunch.

Following your sightseeing, your driver will take you to your hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: The King David

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 JERUSALEM

This morning, enter the walled Old City to experience the Four Quarters of the city, Christian, Muslim, Armenian and Jewish. Start at the Cardo located in the center of the Jewish Quarter where you see the ancient Roman road and view the unearthed main thoroughfare and ancient marketplace lined with columns. Proceed past the Burnt House, destroyed by the Romans during the sack of Jerusalem in AD 70 to the Western Wall - the Kotel, Judaism's holiest site. In the background is the mosque of the Dome of the Rock.

In the afternoon visit the Pool of Bethesda where the water for the Temple rituals was stored. Walk along the Stations of the Way of the Cross, a route walked by Pilgrims for hundreds of years, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Here you can see the devotion and prayer, by many different denominations, at the site of the Crucifixion and the Tomb of Christ.

Next, you drive past the Knesset, Israel's Parliament en route to your visit to the Israel Museum. Here you see the fascinating Second Temple Model, the Shrine of the Book and a portion of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

As your day ends, view the city's skyline with a Scenic Sundowner.

ACCOMMODATION: The King David



THURSDAY, MARCH 26 BETHLEHEM

Today's sightseeing begins with a visit to Yad Vashem - the Jewish people's memorial to the six million lives lost to the Holocaust. Containing the world's largest repository of information on the Holocaust, Yad Vashem is a leader in Shoah education, commemoration, research and documentation. Here you visit the museum and walk along the Street of the Righteous, dedicated to the non-Jews who risked their lives during the Holocaust.

Drive to Bethlehem, located on the West Bank. Lunch will be served in a local Bethlehem home providing a unique opportunity to engage in cultural interaction and learn about local family traditions.

Then, visit the Church of the Nativity, a sixth-century basilica that stands over a cave held to be the birthplace of Jesus. It was originally built by the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century.

ACCOMMODATION: The King David

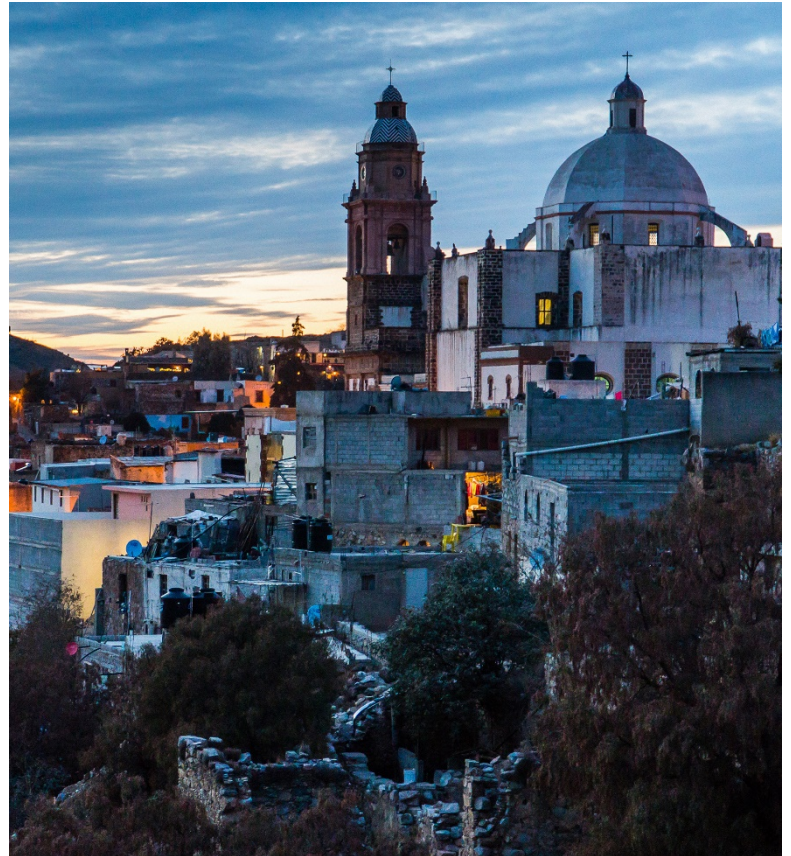
FRIDAY, MARCH 27 MASADA

Begin your day with a visit to Masada, where you continue by cable car up to the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots.

Some 2,000 years ago, Roman legions stormed one of the two paths to the top of this sandstone mountain to reach the Zealots headquartered there. The brave Zealots held out for three years against the invading Roman army before taking their own lives to avoid capture and enslavement. Many of their fortifications, originally built by King Herod, still stand today, and you explore them from up close, envisioning the lives of these brave men and women. Later, stop at the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947, discovered by accident by a Bedouin shepherd. The scrolls, which had been stored in clay jars, were written in Hebrew and contained fragments of biblical and secular texts dating back more than 2,000 years.

Return to Jerusalem for an afternoon at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: The King David



SATURDAY, MARCH 28 NAZARETH

Today you drive to Acre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the Crusader Halls, markets and the old town. One of the world's oldest seaports and considered perhaps the most important historical port town in Israel, Acre was mentioned as far back as 3,500 years by the Pharaoh Tuthmosis III. Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs, Ottoman Turks and a succession of Crusaders occupied the town, destroying, rebuilding and fortifying.

Then, journey to Jesus' boyhood town of Nazareth. After lunch, visit the Church of the Annunciation, built on the traditional site of Mary and Joseph's home.

You also visit the basement of the Church of St. Joseph that contains a cavern said to have been the carpentry workshop of Joseph.

Following your sightseeing, continue on to Tiberias and your accommodations.

ACCOMMODATION: Scots Hotel

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 SEA OF GALILEE

This morning, you discover Biblical echoes as you set off on a private boat ride on the fabled Sea of Galilee. From the boat you can view Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes and the nearby Church of Peter's Primacy.

Stop at Capernaum, where you see the remains of the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught and St. Peter's house, which was later converted into a church. You also see the commemorative fifth-century mosaic in the Church of Multiplication and visit the Mount of Beatitudes, the site where Christ delivered the Sermon on the Mount.

In the afternoon drive up to the Golan Heights, a rocky plateau overlooking the Sea of Galilee and bordering Syria and Lebanon. The Golan Heights is where the source of the Jordan River is and was the home of the Tribe of Dan and an important center during the Roman, Hellenistic and Persian periods. Mount Bental overlooks Syria and a landscape that has been the scene of numerous battles spanning many centuries.

ACCOMMODATION: Scots Hotel



MONDAY, MARCH 30 TEL AVIV

This morning you visit Caesarea, where you see the contrast from "new" to "old". This 2,000- year-old city - built to honor Augustus Caesar - was once the capital of the Roman province and was later occupied by the Crusaders. Today, you find a wealth of Roman, Byzantine, Arab and Crusader ruins in the area, as well as the harbor from which St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome.

After lunch, discover Israel's largest city, Tel Aviv. Located along a beautiful stretch of beach on the Mediterranean, Tel Aviv is Israel's commercial center - a busy metropolis that inspires visitors with a unique and energetic atmosphere. Set out on a walking tour of Jaffa, an ancient port town that has become a noted artists' colony, located just south of Tel Aviv.

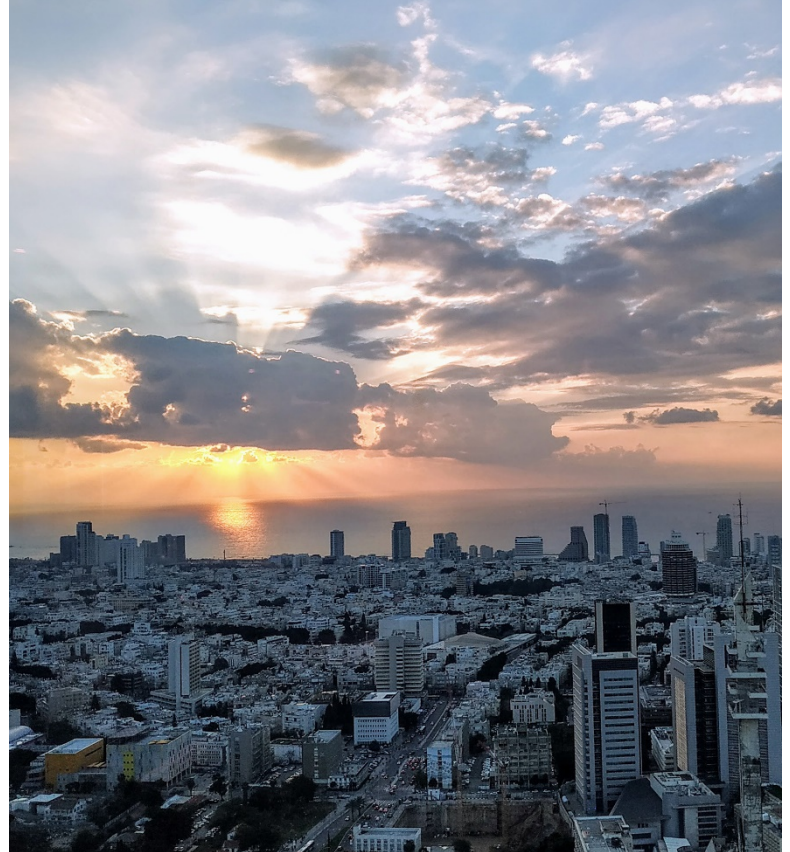
ACCOMMODATION: Dan Tel Aviv Hotel

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 TEL AVIV

Enjoy a day at leisure with time to enjoy your resort's facilities or explore the area further.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 DEPARTURE

Early this morning you are met and transferred to the airport to board your departure flight.



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An Incredible Elysian Travel Journey

