



*The revised 2024 schedule requires that Jordan & Egypt be toured together.*

## **FAITH OVER FEAR 2024 – JORDAN**

### **Entry to the Promised Land**

*Explore this amazing country so connected to Israel on an adventurous way while enjoying luxury hotels, gorgeous beaches, and delicious meals!*

*This tour is available as a post-tour to Israel and/or a pre-tour to Greece. It is highly recommended as an amazing adventure – luxury Indiana Jones style!*

#### **Day 1: Sunday November 10, 2024 Transfer from Israel to Jordan via Allenby/King Hussein Bridge northern Israel**

- Visit Jerash Archaeological Museum

Overnight: Amman Crowne Plaza Hotel

#### **Day 2: Monday November 11, 2024 Madaba and Mt. Nebo**

- Visit **Madaba**, which is known as ‘The City of Mosaics’. You will be visiting the **St. George Greek Orthodox Church**, where you will see the masterpiece of Madaba - a Byzantine mosaic map of the Holy Land that goes back to the 6th century, showing Jerusalem and other cities. Madaba and learn about the mosaics that sustain this community.
- Drive to **Mt. Nebo** which is considered to be one of the most important holy sites in Jordan, as it is believed to be the place where Moses climbed from the Valley of Moab, and from where God showed him the Promised Land, as well as Moses’ last resting place. Enjoy the chapel and the beautiful mosaics found there.
- Drive to Aqaba (4 hours) at the southern tip of Jordan across the Red Sea from Israel. Enjoy the evening at this gorgeous hotel and beach.
- **Overnight:** Amman Crowne Plaza Hotel

#### **Day 3: Tuesday November 12, 2024 Petra**

- After breakfast we will drive to Wadi Musa to start our journey to explore **Petra**, aptly described as the “rose- red city, half as old as time”. The ancient city was founded by the Nabateans 2000 years ago. Its massive architectural structure and its multicolored stones are an incredible attraction. The visit of the ancient Nabatean capital starts with a strenuous walk through the Siq, a long narrow

fissure between two overhanging cliffs. Towards the end of the Siq, you will be spellbound by Petra's most famous monument - the Treasury. Explore as you wish to uncover the mysteries of the city then walk or ride horseback to the information center to learn more about what you experienced. Petra is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- **Overnight:** Kempinski Hotel, Aqaba <https://www.kempinski.com/en/aqaba/hotel-aqaba/>

#### **Day 4: Wednesday November 13, 2024      Wadi Rum**

- After breakfast, enjoy a free day at our resort hotel and the charming city of Aqaba OR take the optional tour to Wadi Rum (\$75-110 per person including lunch & tips, 6 hours). A 1-hour drive from Aqaba, we will find the sensational desert of Wadi Rum. Wadi rum hosts one of the most spectacular desert landscapes in the world with rolling sand dunes and mountains of sandstone. It's mystery and charm are sure to captivate you, as it has so many visitors before, including the famous T.E. Lawrence. Some famous movies were filmed there, including Lawrence of Arabia, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, and more. Allow the local Bedouins to take you by their 4x4 vehicles to the heart of the Red Desert of Wadi Rum and ride camels for about 25 minutes (optional) to your amazing lunch in a Bedouin tent. Discover clues from antiquity carved on the mountain and the fallen boulders, vestiges of human activity over several thousand years. Return to Aqaba for an afternoon on the beach or in town before dinner.
- **Overnight:** Kempinski Hotel, Aqaba <https://www.kempinski.com/en/aqaba/hotel-aqaba/>

#### **Day 5: Thursday November 14, 2024 Transfer to Egypt via ferry**



## FAITH OVER FEAR 2024 – EGYPT

### The Beginning of the Exodus

#### Day 5: Thursday November 14, 2024 – Arrive in Egypt via ferry

- In the afternoon we will arrive at our hotel near **Mt. Sinai and St. Catherine's Monastery**.
- We will visit the Monastery of St. Catherine, constructed by the Roman Emperor Justinian (527 and 565 AD)
- This evening we will enjoy an authentic Bedouin dinner in a Bedouin tent.
- Those who desire and are physically capable will depart for a memorable midnight ascent to Mt. Sinai, where they will walk in the footsteps of Moses and the devoted pilgrims who traveled this route centuries earlier. You may choose to ride a camel part way, stopping at one of the stations to take in the scenery along the climb to the summit. We should reach the summit just before dawn in time to witness its incredible sunrise and splendid views. We will enjoy a time of praise and unforgettable, breathtaking views of the Sinai Wilderness. As we read from the Book of Genesis, we remember that this is the place where Moses met the Lord in the Burning Bush and where he received the Ten Commandments.
- Descending the mountain, we will return to the hotel to rejoin the rest of our group for breakfast.
- Overnight: Morgenland <http://morgenland-village.net/> (Note: Morgenland is the only place of accommodations in this area. It is clean, comfortable, and welcome but rooms are simple and austere. Each room has its own bathroom/shower.)

#### Day 2: Friday November 15, 2024 – INTO THE WILDERNESS / TRACING THE ROUTE OF THE EXODUS: SINAI DSERT / MARAH BY THE RED SEA / ELIM / REPHIDIM

- After breakfast, we will head inland towards the granite mountains of **Mt. Sinai and Wadi el Raha**. In Arabic, Raha means “rest” and, according to tradition, this is the area where the Israelites camped and the golden calf was forged (Exodus 32).
- We will then travel along the western Sinai coast to **Wadi Feiran (Rephidim)**, the desert valley where the Children of Israel fought against the Amalekites. From here we can see **Mount Serbal**, the possible site where Moses held his arms up for victory.
- We will continue to **Elim** and visit the desert oasis and the possible sites where the 12 wells and 70 Palm Trees were found during the Children of Israel's journey to the **Promised Land**.
- We will continue traveling, heading away from the wilderness of the **Sinai Peninsula** and the **Land of Goshen** tracing the **Route of the Biblical Exodus** (Genesis 16-18). We will drive via the tunnel underneath the **Suez Canal** to the west branch of the **Red Sea**. Our first stop will be **Marah by the Red Sea**, the desert springs along the shore of the Red Sea, where the children of Israel found the waters bitter.

- Overnight: Steinberger Pyramids Cairo <https://www.steigenberger.com/en/hotels/all-hotels/egypt/cairo/steigenberger-pyramids-cairo>

### Day 3 (or 4): Saturday November 16, 2022– MEMPHIS AND SAKKARA

- Tour the old cities of **Memphis** and **Sakkara**, learning the story of Egypt, its rulers, and history – amazing!
- HOTEL: Steinberger Pyramids Cairo <https://www.steigenberger.com/en/hotels/all-hotels/egypt/cairo/steigenberger-pyramids-cairo>

### Day 4 (or 3): Sunday November 17, 2024 – DISCOVERING EGYPT’S ANCIENT CIVILIZATION: PYRAMIDS / SPHINX / ENTER INSIDE THE GREAT PYRAMID / CAMEL RIDE / EGYPTIAN MUSEUM / OLD CAIRO / COPTIC CAIRO

- Our first stop will be at the **Pyramids of Giza**. A visit to the three Giza Pyramids is on every world traveler’s must-see list. Cheops Pyramid, the largest of the three, was built in the 3rd dynasty about 2690 B.C. and is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- In front of the **Pyramids of Chephren**, we will find the colossal statue of the **Great Sphinx**, which has stood guard over the pyramids for more than 4,500 years. The Sphinx is carved from a single piece of stone. It is a lion with a Pharaoh’s head and is thought to be a portrait of the Pharaoh Chephren. We will have the privilege to go inside the Great Pyramid to discover the burial chamber. The burial chamber consists of an empty Sarcophagus (7.3 ft by 3.75 ft) with smooth walls and a polished ceiling. The floor is made with blocks of pink granite, which cover 50 sq meters. During our Pyramids visit you will have a chance to ride a camel near the pyramids (complimentary by AIT). This is your opportunity to have your postcard photo riding a camel with the pyramids on the background.
- Next, we will drive into **Old Cairo** to explore the city’s cultural landmarks that span three millennium of Egyptian history. Discover the greatest collection of Pharaonic treasures in the world at the famous **Egyptian Museum**. See the unique collection of Pharaonic art, starting with the Old Kingdom Collection, on to the Middle and New Kingdom galleries and Greco-Roman periods as well as the famous Tutankhamun treasures.
- We will continue to **Coptic Cairo**, where we will visit the famous Suspended Church (Hanging Church), dating to the late 4th and early 5th century. This basilica was named “Al-Mu’allaqah” because it was built atop the south gate of the Fortress of Babylon.
- We will continue to the **Church of St. Sergius**, a 5th century Coptic Church. This basilica is built on the cave in which the Holy Family stayed and is regarded by visitors as a source of blessing. As we stroll along, we will come to the recently restored **Synagogue of Ben Ezra**, which marks the place where Moses was saved by the water girl of Pharaoh. This is the oldest Jewish synagogue in Egypt, built in 882 AD. We will return to our hotel for dinner.
- HOTEL: Steinberger Pyramids Cairo <https://www.steigenberger.com/en/hotels/all-hotels/egypt/cairo/steigenberger-pyramids-cairo>

### Day 5: Sunday November 18, 2024 Flights home

## **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Egypt: Camel ride at Pyramids - \$10-\$25 payable to camel crew

Egypt: Mt. Sinai - \$25-50 payable to Bedouin guide

Egypt: NEW Cairo Museum (if open) - \$45 per person payable to guide NOT OPEN AT THIS TIME

Jordan: Wadi Rum                      Included in tour

Jordan: Petra                              Included

Jordan: Petra                              Golf carts to ride instead of walk (+/- \$250 for up to 5 people)

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