# SACRED TRAVEL PATHS

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### PILGRIMAGES TO THE HOLY LAND

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#### WELCOMING MESSAGE

Welcome to the Sacred Travel Paths 2024-2025 Holy Land Catalogue. It is with great pleasure and reverence that I invite you to embark on a journey of faith, discovery, and spiritual renewal in Israel and Palestine. At Sacred Travel Paths, we understand that a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is not merely a trip; it is a profound experience that can deepen your faith, enrich your understanding of Christian history, and bring you closer to the divine.

Our mission is to create meaningful and transformative journeys that connect you with the sacred sites of Christianity. In the Holy Land, you will walk in the footsteps of Jesus, visiting places where His ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection took place. From the bustling streets of Jerusalem to the serene shores of the Sea of Galilee, our expertly crafted tours are designed to inspire and uplift.

Imagine standing in the Garden of Gethsemane, reflecting on Jesus' prayer and His ultimate sacrifice, or renewing your baptismal vows in the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Experience the awe of visiting the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, and the profound serenity of the Mount of Beatitudes, where He delivered the Sermon on the Mount.

As you browse through our catalogue, you will find detailed itineraries, descriptions of the destinations, and information on what is included in each tour. Our featured tours are sample programs that can be customized to meet your specific needs and interests, allowing you to create a personalized spiritual journey. Whether you wish to spend more time in prayer at the Western Wall, explore the ancient city of Jericho, or follow the Via Dolorosa, we can tailor your pilgrimage to your spiritual aspirations.

I am grateful for the opportunity to accompany you on this sacred path, and I look forward to the transformative experiences that await you. May your pilgrimage be filled with moments of reflection, prayer, and a deeper connection to your faith.

Blessings, Sami Khoury CEO, Sacred Travel Paths

# WHY TRAVEL WITH SACRED TRAVEL PATHS?

At Sacred Travel Paths, we believe a pilgrimage is more than just a journey, it is a transformative experience that connects you deeply with your faith and the rich history of Christianity. Let Sacred Travel Paths guide you on a customized journey that will not only enhance your spiritual growth but also leave you with unforgettable memories and a renewed sense of purpose.

#### **Deep Spiritual Engagement**

We specialize in creating deeply spiritual journeys that allow pilgrims to connect with significant Christian sites and traditions. Our journeys are designed to inspire, uplift, and bring a deeper understanding of faith, leaving pilgrims with unforgettable memories and a renewed sense of purpose.

#### **Meaningful Connections**

Our pilgrimages foster a sense of community and shared faith. Participants have the opportunity to bond with fellow travelers and host communities, creating lasting friendships and spiritual connections that extend beyond the journey.

#### **Customizable Itineraries**

Together with our partners on the ground, we are committed to excellence in every aspect of our service. Our carefully curated itineraries, expert guides, and top-notch accommodations ensure that each pilgrimage is not only spiritually enriching but also comfortable and enjoyable.

#### **Expert Local Partnerships**

Our strong relationships with reputable local tour operators guarantee that you will receive the highest quality services and authentic experiences. These partners handle all land arrangements, including accommodations, transportation, and guided tours, providing you with a seamless and worry-free pilgrimage.

#### **High-Quality Service**

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#### **Comprehensive Support**

From the moment you start planning your trip to your return home, Sacred Travel Paths offers comprehensive support. Our dedicated team assists with all travel arrangements, allowing tour leaders and participants to focus entirely on the spiritual and transformative aspects of the journey.

#### DISCOVER THE WORLD'S MOST REVERED PILGRIMAGE DESTINATIONS

Welcome to our Sacred Travel Paths product catalogue, your gateway to some of the world's most profound spiritual journeys. We are delighted to offer meticulously crafted pilgrimage tours to the Holy Land, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, the British Isles, Germany and Italy. Each destination holds a unique place in the tapestry of Christian history, offering deep spiritual experiences and unforgettable memories.

#### **Explore Our Pilgrimage Destinations**



















#### **Tailor Your Journey**

Our featured tours are sample programs designed to showcase the best of each destination. We understand that each pilgrim's journey is unique, which is why we offer the flexibility to customize your itinerary. Whether you wish to extend your stay in a particular location, add additional sites, or combine different destinations into a single seamless pilgrimage, we are here to help you create a truly personalized spiritual journey.

#### EXPLORE THE HOLY LAND'S MOST REVERED PILGRIMAGE DESTINATIONS

We are delighted to offer meticulously crafted pilgrimage tours to the Holy Land, encompassing the sacred sites of Israel and Palestine. From the revered streets of Jerusalem and Bethlehem to the serene shores of the Sea of Galilee and the historic town of Nazareth, each destination holds a unique place in the tapestry of Christian history. These sacred sites offer deep spiritual experiences and unforgettable memories, inviting you to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and the early Christian community.





#### MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PILGRIMAGES

At Sacred Travel Paths, we strive to make your pilgrimage not only spiritually enriching but also seamless and worry-free. Here's what you need to know about registering for our tours, what's included, and what to expect.

#### What's Included

Our tours are designed to provide a comprehensive and immersive pilgrimage experience. Each tour package typically includes:

- Accommodations: Comfortable and high-quality lodgings throughout your journey.
- **Transportation**: All in-country transportation, including airport transfers, private motorcoach services, and any necessary flights within the destination.
- **Guided Tours**: Expert guides who provide in-depth knowledge of the historical, cultural, and spiritual significance of each site.
- Meals: Most tours include breakfast and dinner daily, offering a mix of local and familiar cuisine. Lunches can be added on daily basis or as requested.
- Entrance Fees: Admission to all included sites and attractions.
- **Support Services:** A dedicated tour manager to assist with any needs or questions during your trip.
- **Spiritual Activities:** Opportunities for worship, reflection, and group discussions led by knowledgeable faith leaders.
- Honorariums: All honorariums for special speakers are included and will be provided to the Tour Leader on arrival
- Whisper sets: Individual whisper sets throughout the tour along with two transmitters (for guide and tour leader)
- Taxes: Airport / foreign departure taxes

#### What's Not Included

To ensure transparency and help you plan accordingly, here are some items that are typically not included in our tour packages:

- Airfare: International flights to and from the destination country. Flights can be arranged upon request
- **Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance to protect your investment and provide peace of mind.
- **Personal Expenses:** Costs for souvenirs, personal items, and additional activities not included in the itinerary.
- Meals Not Listed: Lunches and any additional meals not specified in the tour inclusions.
- **Tips and Gratuities**: Tips for guides, drivers, and hotel staff, although guidelines and recommendations will be provided.
- Sightseeing and excursion: Any sights or excursion not mentioned in the itinerary
- • Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.

# THE HOLY LAND: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS AND THE APOSTLES

The Holy Land, encompassing both Israel and Palestine, is a pilgrimage destination like no other. For centuries, it has been the epicenter of spiritual reflection, reverence, and religious discovery for countless pilgrims from around the world. This land, steeped in millennia of biblical history, offers a profound connection to the roots of Christianity, making it a paramount destination for those seeking to walk in the footsteps of the prophets and apostles.

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a journey through the life and times of Jesus Christ. In Jerusalem, pilgrims trace the Via Dolorosa, the path Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion, pausing at each Station of the Cross to reflect on His Passion. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which houses the sites of the crucifixion and Jesus' tomb, stands as a profound testament to His sacrifice and resurrection, offering a place for deep spiritual contemplation and worship.



Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, holds the Church of the Nativity, where pilgrims can touch the star marking the spot of His birth. The serene Shepherds' Field nearby is another site of immense significance, where angels proclaimed the birth of Christ to the shepherds. Nazareth, where Jesus spent His childhood, features the Basilica of the Annunciation, commemorating the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary of Jesus' birth.

Beyond these spiritual landmarks, the Holy Land is a tapestry of ancient cities, sacred sites, and breathtaking landscapes. From the tranquil shores of the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus performed many miracles, to the Jordan River, where He was baptized by John the Baptist, each location offers a unique and enriching experience that deepens one's faith and understanding of biblical events.



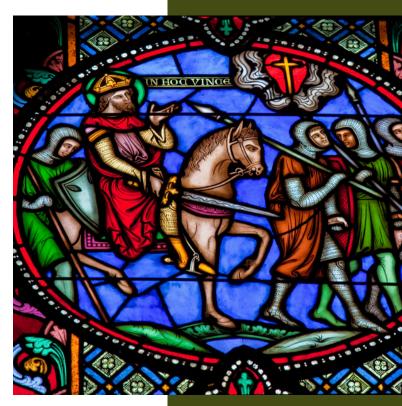
# The Legacy of the Crusaders in the Holy Land

The Crusades, a series of religious and military campaigns from the 11th to the 13th centuries, have left an indelible mark on the Holy Land. These expeditions, launched by European Christians, aimed to reclaim Jerusalem and other sacred sites from Muslim control. The legacy of the Crusaders is still visible today through the imposing castles, fortified cities, and churches they built.

One of the most iconic Crusader sites is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, extensively rebuilt by the Crusaders in the 12th century. This church, considered one of the holiest in Christianity, stands on the site believed to be where Jesus was crucified, buried, and resurrected. Pilgrims can explore the Crusader-era architecture and reflect on its historical and spiritual significance.

The city of Acre (Akko) served as the Crusader capital after the fall of Jerusalem. Visitors can wander through the wellpreserved Crusader tunnels, halls, and fortifications that offer a glimpse into Crusader life and military strategies. The Hospitaller Fortress, with its vast halls and underground passages, is particularly impressive.

Exploring these Crusader sites offers a fascinating journey through a turbulent chapter in the Holy Land's history. For modern pilgrims and history enthusiasts, these sites provide a profound connection to the medieval quest to reclaim and protect the sacred land.















# THE HOLY LAND

#### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

11 Days / 9 Nights

Tour Ref: (STP-HL-002)

from \$1,750

Embark on an 11-day pilgrimage through the Holy Land, tracing the footsteps of Jesus and deepening your faith through visits to significant biblical sites. This journey offers spiritual reflection, historical insights, and encounters with local communities, enriching your understanding of Christ's life and ministry.

#### Day 1: Departure for Israel

Depart from your home city and connect with the overnight flight to Tel Aviv. (Meals in-flight)

#### Day 2: Arrive Tel Aviv – Bethlehem

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, meet your Guide and driver and transfer to Bethlehem. Check-in at your hotel in the late afternoon. Enjoy an Evening Welcome Dinner and settle in for an overnight stay.

#### Day 3: Bethlehem / Hebron

Start the day with breakfast at the hotel before visiting the Shepherd's Fields to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Return to Bethlehem to explore the Church of the Nativity and the Chapel of the Massacre of the Innocents. Visit Milk Grotto and Mamre, where God promised Abraham. After lunch on your own, journey to Hebron to visit the ancient Tomb of the Patriarchs. Return to Bethlehem for leisure time and shopping, followed by dinner and overnight accommodation.

#### Day 4: Bethlehem / Nazareth / Tiberias

After breakfast, depart Bethlehem via Bethany to Wadi Qelt for a short devotion. Continue to Jericho, the oldest city in the world, and climb the Tel to view the Mount of Temptation. Drive through the Jordan Valley to Nazareth. Enjoy lunch on your own before visiting the Church of the Annunciation and the ancient churches and ruins of Nazareth. Visit the Church of the Wedding at Cana and the baptismal site on the Jordan River. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight stay.

#### Day 5: Tiberias / Sea of Galilee

Begin the day with breakfast at the hotel. Visit the Mount of Beatitudes and descend to Tabgha to see the Church of Loaves and Fishes, where Jesus performed the miracle of feeding the Five Thousand, and the Church of the Primacy of Peter. Enjoy lunch on your own before continuing to Banias – Caesarea Philippi, where Peter acknowledged Jesus as the Christ. Return to Tiberias for a wooden boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, followed by dinner and overnight accommodation.

#### Day 6: Tiberias / Caesarea / Jerusalem

After breakfast, ascend Mount Tabor for panoramic views over the Valley of Jezreel, Galilee, Gilead, and Samaria. Visit the Church of the Transfiguration before traveling to ancient Har-Megiddo (Armageddon). Enjoy lunch on your own before proceeding to Caesarea to explore the aqueduct, Herodian harbor, Pontius Pilate's palace, and theater. Travel through the Sharon Plain to Jerusalem, where you will be welcomed with a ceremony of bread and salt at Mount Scopus. Enjoy dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

#### Day 7: Jerusalem

Following breakfast, begin with a breathtaking view of the Old City from the Mount of Olives. Descend the traditional Palm Sunday Road to the Church of Dominus Flevit. Visit the Western Wall and the Temple Mount, viewing the Dome of the Rock. Explore the Crusader Church of St. Anne and the healing Pools of Bethesda. In the evening, walk through underground tunnels to view remnants of the Temple Mount. Enjoy dinner and overnight accommodation in Jerusalem.

#### Day 8: Jerusalem / Qumran

Start the day with breakfast before traveling to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth, for a mud bath and float. En route, visit the Qumran Valley, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Return to Jerusalem to visit the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of the Agony. Proceed to Mount Zion to visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu and the Upper Room, traditional site of the Last Supper. Hear insights from a peace activist on the current situation and prospects for peace in the Holy Land. Enjoy dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

#### Day 9: Jerusalem

After breakfast, rise early to walk the Via Dolorosa, reflecting on Christ's suffering.





Pass the 14 Stations of the Cross en route to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Visit Golgotha, the Chapel of the Skull of Adam, and the empty Tomb. Enjoy lunch on your own and spend the afternoon at leisure for shopping, additional sightseeing, or personal reflection. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

#### Day 10: Mount Zion / Ein Karem / Israel Museum

Start the morning visiting Mount Zion including the Cenacle (Last Supper Room) and the Dormition Abbey. Then drive to Ein Karem and visit the Church of Visitation. After lunch continue to the Israel Museum and shrine of the book. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 11: Return Home

Transfer this morning to the airport for check-in and flight departure.



#### THE HOLY LAND JOURNEY THROUGH SACRED HISTORY

#### A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

15 Days / 13 Nights

from \$2.650

Tour Ref: (STP-HL-004)

Embark on an unforgettable pilgrimage through Israel and Palestine, exploring significant biblical sites and immersing yourself in the history and spirituality of the Holy Land. This journey will take you from the bustling city of Tel Aviv to the serene shores of the Sea of Galilee, the ancient ruins of Jerusalem, and the awe-inspiring Negev Desert. Each day offers profound experiences as you walk in the footsteps of prophets, kings, and Jesus Christ himself, culminating in a visit to Bethlehem and the poignant Garden Tomb.

#### Day 1: Departure for Israel

Depart from your home city and connect with the overnight flight to Tel Aviv. (Meals in-flight)

#### Day 2: Arrive Tel Aviv

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, your guide and driver will greet you. Transfer to your hotel in Tel Aviv for check-in, dinner, and overnight.

#### Day 3: Caesarea Maritima / Megiddo / Galilee

Begin the day exploring Caesarea Maritima and Sebastos, the beautiful seaside harbor. This Roman bridgehead to the land became the Christian springboard to the West. Next, ascend Mt. Carmel, the site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). Proceed to the mound of Megiddo the site of Armageddon, mentioned in Revelation 16. After surveying the Plain of Jezreel, end the day at the Arbel cliff, which affords a stunning view over the Lake of Galilee and the main sites of Jesus' ministry. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

#### Day 4: Mount of Beatitudes & Capernaum

Spend the day around the Sea of Galilee. Journey to the Yarmuk River and ascend the Aphek Plateau for an unobstructed view of the Sea of Galilee from the east. Visit the Mount of Beatitudes, the site where Jesus preached his most famous sermon (Matthew 5-7).

Travel to the black basalt city of Chorazin, one of three cities Jesus cursed for their failure to repent despite the many miracles he performed. After lunch, visit the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes at Tabgha, memorializing Jesus' first feeding of the multitude (Mark 6). Walk to the nearby shores to visit the Primacy of St. Peter. Then, head to Capernaum, the headquarters of Jesus' ministry. See the old synagogue and the site where archaeologists believe they have uncovered the house of Peter (Mark 1 and 2). Marvel at the remains of a fishing boat from Jesus' day before spending an hour cruising on the calm waters of the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

#### Day 5: Sepphoris / Nazareth

The morning begins in Sepphoris, which Josephus named "The Jewel of Galilee." Sepphoris is a stunning example of a mixed Jewish-Gentile city and boasts some of the most magnificent mosaics in Israel. After lunch, travel four miles to nearby Nazareth where Jesus grew up. Visit Mary's Well, the chief springs of the ancient village. Ascend the Nazareth ridge to get a view over the Jezreel Plain, recalling stories from both Testaments (Luke 4 and Judges 4). Return to the Sea of Galilee for free time in the afternoon which includes an opportunity to swim in the very lake where Jesus walked on water. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

#### Day 6: Tel Dan & Caesarea Philippi

The first stop of the day is Hazor, the land's biggest Canaanite city. Next, walk through the beautiful nature reserve at Tel Dan to the headwaters of the Jordan. See the ruins, including the high place where Jeroboam, son of Nebat, king of Israel, set up the golden calf (1 Kings 12). Proceed to Caesarea Philippi where Peter confessed Jesus as the Christ at the foot of Mt. Hermon (Matthew 16). Meander through the ruins of Agrippa's Palace. Journey through the Golan Heights before returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

#### Day 7: Mount Tabor / Beit Shean

Begin the day with a visit to Mount Tabor. Ascend via Taxi to the summit and visit the Church of Transfiguration. Then we continue to visit the expansive ruins of Beit Shean. This city, under the Roman name of Scythopolis, served as the capital for the Roman Decapolis. Stand on the tell above the ruins to view the setting for the last days of Saul (1 Samuel 28 - 2 Samuel 1). Continue to Beersheba in the Negev Desert for dinner and overnight.









#### Day 8: Beersheba & Avdat

Spend the day in the Negev Desert. Begin with a visit to Abraham's Well in Beersheba. Drive south to view the exquisite wilderness of Zin. Then, enjoy the spring of Avdat (Ein Avdat), a stunning oasis in the desert. An optional climb is available for those interested. Next, visit the well-preserved desert city of Avdat, founded by Nabatean Arabs and developed by the Byzantines. Dinner and overnight in Beersheba.

#### Day 9: Masada & Jerusalem

The day begins at the ruins of the ancient Israelite temple at Tel Arad. Next, ascend to the top of Masada, Herod's impressive desert fortress. This site played a crucial role in the last days of the Jewish revolt against Rome. Enjoy lunch and then a leisurely float in the Dead Sea. End the day with a drive to Mount Scopus for a view of majestic Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

#### Day 10: Mount of Olives & The Old City

The morning begins with an orientation to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. Follow the traditional Palm Sunday route to Dominus Flevit ("the Lord weeps"), where it is said that Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19). After Golden Gate, viewing the continue downhill to Gethsemane. Enjoy time for reflection in the peaceful gardens. After lunch, visit the Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed a man who had been paralyzed for 38 years (John 5). Revel in the remarkable acoustics of nearby St. Anne's Church, perfectly preserved from the Crusader period. Follow The Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) leading to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, built on the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

#### Day 11: Ein Gedi/Qumran/Jericho

The scenic wilderness awaits. Drive to the beautiful desert oasis of Ein Gedi where Saul caught up with David in pursuit of his life (1 Samuel 24). Enjoy a hike to the waterfall. Next, visit the excavations of the religious community at Qumran, where the infamous Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. View Cave #4, which contained the largest quantity of the scrolls. Travel to ancient Jericho and see the remains of the world's oldest city. Gaze at the mountain believed to be the site of Jesus' temptation (Matthew 4). Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 12: Western Wall & Mt. Zion

Begin the day at the Western Wall, Judaism's most holy site. Journey through an archaeological tunnel beneath the old Temple grounds, exploring the full length of the Herodian Temple wall. Next, visit the grounds of Peter in Gallicantu, a church that affords the best view of early Jerusalem from the west. Many believe that this is the site of the house of the High Priest Caiaphas where Jesus was interrogated on the night of his arrest. Then on to Mt. Zion and the City of David. Proceed to Warren's shaft, next to Gihon Springs, Jerusalem's primary water source during the Bronze and Iron Age. Continue to Hezekiah's Tunnel, carved during the reign of Hezekiah to bring water into the city (2 Chronicles 32). Return to hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 13: Temple Mount & Bethlehem

Journey to the famed Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque, perched atop the traditional site of the ancient Temple Mount. Explore the Jewish Quarter excavations, including the Byzantine main street (Cardo) and the Broad Wall of King Hezekiah. Next, visit the remarkable excavations of Ophel at the foot of the Temple Mount. After lunch, travel to Bethlehem. Meander through the alleys and markets on a journey to the Church of the Nativity where the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

#### Day 14: Garden Tomb / Israel Museum

Experience a poignant morning at the Garden Tomb. Enjoy communion in the serene gardens of the second proposed site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Proceed to the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, home of the Dead Sea scrolls. Survey the open-air model of Jerusalem (scale 1:50), representing the city as it looked in 66 AD on the eve of the Jewish revolt against Rome. Rest of the afternoon is free for individual exploration. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

#### Day 15: Return Home

Transfer this morning to the airport for check-in and flight departure. Arrive home enriched with your discoveries of faith and friendship in the Holy Land.









### holy land and jordan HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

#### A JOURNEY THROUGH ISRAEL, PALESTINE AND JORDAN

14 Days / 12 Nights

Tour Ref: (STP-TK-003)

from \$2,850

Embark on an unforgettable 11-day pilgrimage through Israel, Palestine and Jordan, exploring significant biblical and historical sites. From the vibrant city of Tel Aviv to the ancient ruins of Petra, this journey immerses you in the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of the Holy Land. Discover the deep spiritual significance of these sacred sites and experience the unique landscapes and traditions that have shaped the region's history.

#### Day 1: Departure for Israel

Depart from your home city and connect with the overnight flight to Tel Aviv. (Meals in-flight)

#### Day 2: Arrive Tel Aviv – Tiberias

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, your guide and driver will greet you. Transfer to your hotel in Tel Aviv for check-in, dinner, and overnight.

#### Day 3: Caesarea – Nazareth

Check out of the hotel and drive north along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of Palestine. Visit the Crusader fortifications, Roman amphitheater, aqueduct, and the harbor where the Apostle Paul was taken to Rome. Continue to Nazareth and explore Nazareth Village, a living history museum recreating life in the first century. Enjoy a Biblical Lunch at Nazareth Village. Visit the Church of the Annunciation, the Greek Catholic Church synagogue, and Mary's Well, time permitting. Transfer to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 4: Around the Sea of Galilee

Visit sites around the Sea of Galilee, including Capernaum with its Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House. Explore the Church of the Loaves and Fishes at Tabgha and Mensa Christi. Enjoy lunch at the St. Peter Fish Restaurant on the Lake. Continue to the Mount of the Beatitudes and conclude the day with a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. Visit the Jesus Boat Museum to see the First Century boat. Return to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 5: Jericho – Jerusalem – Bethlehem

Drive south along the Jordan Valley to Qasr Al Yahud for a Baptismal Remembrance Service at the River Jordan. Continue to Jericho and take a cable car up the Mt. of Temptations for a panoramic view of Jericho. Visit Hisham's Palace and see the newly uncovered mosaics. Enjoy lunch in Jericho and visit Zacchaeus' tree and the glass factory. Proceed to Jerusalem, arriving first at the top of Mount of Olives for an amazing panoramic view of the city. Walk along the Palm Sunday Road, visit Dominus Flevit Church, and conclude at the Church of All Nations and Garden of Gethsemane. Drive to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 6: Bethlehem

Stop for souvenir shopping in one of the Christian cooperatives of Bethlehem. Visit Dar al-Kalima University and meet Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb. Tour the campus and participate in a cooking class. Lunch is included. In the afternoon, visit Manger Square and the Church of Nativity. In the evening, meet a local mufti to learn about Islamic faith practices. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 7: Dead Sea – Masada – Qumran

Visit the Church of Bethany in Al Azariya. Travel to the Dead Sea and take a cable car up to Masada. Explore Herod's royal citadel and the Zealots' last stand against the Romans. Continue to Qumran, the site of the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery, for a visit and lunch. Enjoy an optional float in the Dead Sea. Return to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 8: Bethlehem – Jerusalem

Attend worship at Evangelical Christmas Lutheran Church. Visit Shepherds Field in Beit Sahour. After lunch, visit Efrat Israeli settlement and Dheisheh Palestinian refugee camp. Time permitting, visit the Banksy Walled Off Hotel and Museum. Continue to Jerusalem and check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 9: Jerusalem

Begin with a pre-breakfast walk along the Via Dolorosa to experience the Stations of the Cross and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Return to the hotel for breakfast. Visit the Western Wall and the Western Wall Tunnel. Continue to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. Tour the Israel Museum, Shrine of the Book, and a scale model of Jerusalem.









#### Day 10: Jerusalem

Visit the Temple Mount for a view of the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque. Visit the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda. Make your way to the Church of Redeemer and meet with the English-language pastor to learn about the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). The afternoon will be free for individual exploration. Gather for a farewell dinner at a restaurant in the Old City.

#### Day 11: Departure

Transfer this morning to Ben Gurion Airport for check-in and flight departure. Arrive home enriched with your discoveries of faith and friendship in the Holy Land, or extend your stay to Jordan. (Meals in-flight)

#### Day 11: Jerusalem – Petra

Cross over the Allenby Bridge to Jordan and meet your Jordanian guide, driver, and coach. Drive north and visit the Roman city of Jerash, seeing Maximus Cardo, the colonnaded street flanked by temples, churches, theaters, and endless mosaics. Travel south through the vast desert to the village of Wadi Musa, the entrance to Petra.

#### Day 12: Petra

Explore the ancient city of Petra, beginning with a walk through the dramatic Siq, opening upon the Treasury, El Khazneh. Continue through Petra to discover hundreds of carved and built structures. Enjoy a full day of touring this once-hidden city.

#### Day 13: Petra – Amman

Travel north to Madaba to see the 6th-century mosaic map of the region. Visit Mount Nebo, where Moses viewed the Promised Land. Enjoy the dramatic view of the Jordan Valley, Jericho, and the Judean hills. Return to Amman and check into your hotel. Time permitting, tour Amman, including the citadel, Roman Theater, archaeological museum, and King Abdullah Mosque.

#### Day 14: Return home

Transfer this morning to the airport for check-in and flight departure. Arrive home enriched with your discoveries of faith and friendship in the Holy Land.











## **Tips and Tools for Travel**

#### Embarking on a pilgrimage with Sacred Travel Paths is a journey of both spiritual and personal growth.

To ensure you have a fulfilling and smooth experience, we've compiled some essential tips and tools for your travel preparation.

#### **Pre-Trip Preparation**

Before you embark on your pilgrimage, take the following steps to prepare:

#### **Spiritual Preparation:**

**Prayer and Reflection:** Spend time in prayer and meditation to set your intentions for the journey. Reflect on what you hope to gain spiritually and emotionally from the pilgrimage.

**Study and Research:** Familiarize yourself with the destinations and their biblical significance. Reading related scriptures and historical contexts can deepen your experience.

#### **Practical Preparation:**

**Documentation:** Ensure your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your return date. Check visa requirements for the destination countries and obtain them in advance if necessary.

#### **Health Preparations:**

Schedule a visit to your healthcare provider to discuss any vaccinations or medications you might need. Carry a small first-aid kit with essential items.

**Travel Insurance:** Purchase comprehensive travel insurance that covers trip cancellations, medical emergencies, and personal belongings.

#### Packing Tips:

**Clothing:** Pack modest and comfortable clothing suitable for visiting religious sites. Consider the climate and pack accordingly, including layers for varying temperatures.

**Footwear:** Bring comfortable walking shoes as many tours involve significant walking and standing.

**Essential Items:** Include travel-sized toiletries, a reusable water bottle, and any personal medications. Don't forget travel adapters for electronic devices.

#### **During the Trip**

While on your pilgrimage, these tips will help you make the most of your journey:

#### **Stay Connected:**

**Stay with the Group:** Always stay with your group and follow the tour guide's instructions. This ensures you don't miss out on any part of the itinerary and stay safe.

**Communication:** Keep your mobile phone charged and carry a list of important contact numbers, including your tour manager and local emergency contacts.

#### Health and Safety:

**Hydration and Nutrition:** Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated, especially in warm climates. Eat regular meals to maintain your energy levels.

**Personal Safety:** Be aware of your surroundings and take care of your personal belongings. Use hotel safes for valuables. Maximize the Experience:

**Engage Fully:** Participate actively in group discussions, worship sessions, and reflections. Share your insights and experiences with fellow pilgrims.

**Take Notes:** Keep a travel journal to document your thoughts, feelings, and key moments of the pilgrimage. This can enhance your reflection and provide lasting memories. Cultural Sensitivity:

**Respect Local Customs:** Show respect for local customs and traditions, especially in religious sites. Dress modestly and follow sitespecific guidelines.

#### **Post-Tour Reflections**

After your pilgrimage, take time to reflect and integrate the experience into your daily life:

#### **Reflect and Share:**

**Personal Reflection:** Spend time reflecting on your journey and its impact on your spiritual life. Revisit your travel journal and notes.

**Share Your Experience:** Share your journey with family, friends, and your faith community. Consider giving a presentation or writing about your experience to inspire others. Maintain Connections:

**Stay Connected:** Keep in touch with fellow pilgrims and continue the spiritual friendships you formed during the trip. Join follow-up meetings or virtual gatherings if available.

**Continue Learning:** Deepen your knowledge by reading more about the places you visited and the spiritual insights you gained. Incorporate into Daily Life:

**Spiritual Practices:** Integrate the spiritual practices and insights gained from the pilgrimage into your daily life. This might include new prayer routines, scripture readings, or community service.

**Plan Future Pilgrimages:** Consider planning future pilgrimages to continue your spiritual journey. Reflect on how each journey can build on the previous one.

By following these tips and tools, you can ensure that your pilgrimage with Sacred Travel Paths is a deeply enriching and transformative experience. For more detailed information and assistance, please visit our website or contact us directly.

















# Thank you

As you close this catalogue, we hope you feel inspired and ready to embark on a journey of discovery, faith, and inspiration with Sacred Travel Paths. Our carefully crafted itineraries and deep commitment to providing transformative travel experiences ensure that every pilgrimage and tour becomes a meaningful adventure.

We invite you to explore our featured destinations, embrace new cultures, and create lasting memories. Thank you for choosing Sacred Travel Paths as your trusted guide. We look forward to accompanying you on your next sacred journey







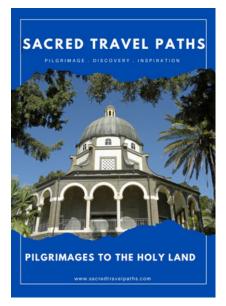


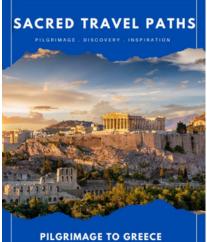






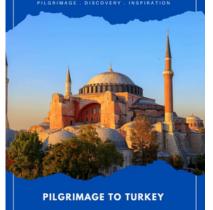
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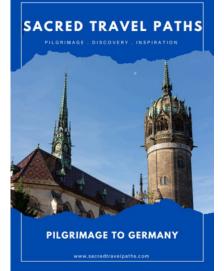




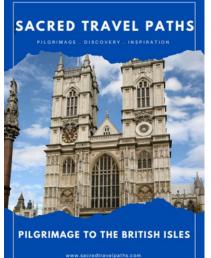
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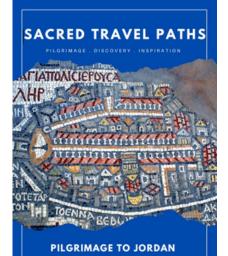
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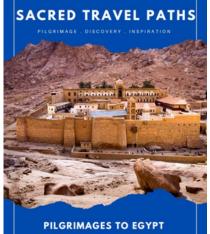
















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