

Aradana Holy Land Tours

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Egypt – Israel – Palestine – Jordan Plan B

Day 1. :

Hyderabad – Muscat / Sharjah - Cairo

Assemble at Hyderabad Airport to take flight to Cairo via Muscat or Sharjah. Meet our representative at Cairo Airport and proceed on a visit to **Cruise on the River Nile**. Transfer to Hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 2. :

Cairo – Sinai (6hrs Drive)

Breakfast at hotel. Proceed on a visit to **Pyramids, Sphinx and the old churches of Cairo**. Proceed to Sinai .Arrive Sinai; view the beautiful and historical Sinai Mountains. Dinner and Overnight at hotel.

Day 3. :

Sinai – Taba – Jerusalem

Breakfast at hotel. **Visit St. Catherine Monastery**. Set beneath the mountain where Moses is said to have **received the Ten Commandments**, Saint Catherine Monastery has been one of the world's great centers of religious pilgrimage for over fifteen centuries. Within its imposing walls rests a citadel like no other, incredibly rich in important religious and historical structures. Among its treasures is a library of ancient manuscripts and icons second only to the Vatican's itself, and a 6th century church reputed to lie directly on the site of the **Burning Bush**. Quite simply, the monastery is a defining feature of the Holy Land. Proceed to Taba Border. Arrive and proceed to the Emigration and Customs Formalities. Enter into Israel. Then Proceed to Bethlehem. Arrive Bethlehem by late evening, Check in Hotel, Dinner and Overnight Bethlehem.

Day 4.

Ein karem, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Bethlehem

After breakfast, Proceed to **Ein Karem**, located in the hills next to a little spring. This is the city of Judah and birthplace of John the Baptist, son of Elizabeth & Zechariah and the **Church of Visitation**. Then drive to the **Mount of Olives** for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Visit sanctuaries of **Pater Noster, Ascension**. Walk along the **Palm Sunday road** down to the chapel of **Dorminious Flevit** where Jesus wept over eminent destruction of Jerusalem and **Garden of Gethsemane**. Then continue to Mt. of Olives for the panoramic view and from there, by foot to Dominos Flavit. The chapels is built in the shape of a tear as a poignant reminder to this event, and then visit the **Garden of Gethsemane**, where Jesus prayed while Judah betrayed him to the Romans. Visit the **Basilica of agony** and **Tomb of St.Mary**. We also will visit the Church of **St. Peter of Gallicantu**, which symbolizes Peter's Denial of Jesus as he has prophesied at the Last Supper. We then visit the traditional **house of high priest, Caiaphas, where Jesus was imprisoned**. Then onto Bethlehem, which is located in the Judah province. It was here that the Angel announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds of Bethlehem during the reign of King Herod. Also, here David tended his flocks until he was anointed King of Israel. We then visit the **Church of the Nativity** - the birthplace of Jesus and the City of David, **Manager Square; Shepherds field Crusaders Cloister Grotto of St. Jerome and Rachel's tomb**. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem/Bethlehem.

Day 5.

Old City Of Jerusalem – Golgotha – Jericho – Dead Sea

Breakfast. We start the day by going to the pools of **Beit Hasda**, where Jesus held the crippled man. And from there we take the **Via Dolorosa** (Way of Grief), traditionally accepted as the last route trodden by Jesus. Follow the **14 Stations of the Cross to Golgotha**, the place where Jesus was crucified marking significant events along the route. You will see the **Pilate's Judgments Hall**, the **Chapel of the Flagellation** where, according to tradition, the Roman soldiers scourged Jesus and placed a crown of thorns on His head the Ecce Homo Arch and the Convent of the Sisters of Zion. Early tradition held that Pontius Pilate stood here and thundered "Ecce Homo!" Which means "Behold the man?" Which is what Pilate said when he presented Jesus to the crowd? However, we now know that pagan Emperor Hadrian constructed the arch. Below the Convent are the Lithotrities where Jesus was publicly tried and where the Roman soldiers mocked him. The last 5 Stations of the Cross are inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher visible from the distance, which is two silver domes. Also "The Tomb"

widely believed to be part of the stone that covered Jesus Tomb. Visit **St. Mark Convent** the traditional site where Mary went to sleep after Crucifixion, **Last Supper Room**, where we remember the last supper and the descent of the Holy spirit upon the Apostles on Pentecost. Visit the Cenacle -the tomb of **King David** and – **(the other upper room)**. Then we go through the Jewish quarter to the **Wailing Wall**, which is the holiest place for the Jewish religion. Proceed to **Dead Sea** then visit **Jericho** where we stop and view Qarantal, the traditional

Mount of Temptation and **Sycamore Tree** It is also the place where Jesus stopped on this way to Jerusalem, on the Eve of the Passover and where Jesus cured the blind man during his stay at Zachaeus house and Back to Hotel. Dinner and Overnight Jerusalem/Bethlehem.

Day 6.

Bethany - Haifa – Mt.Carmel – Joppa- Tel Aviv - Nazareth - Tiberias

Breakfast at hotel. Morning we drive through the Judean wilderness stopping at **Bethany** the Town of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Visit Lazarus's Tomb. Proceed to Tiberias We will be driving through Acre and Ceaseria. Drive along the coastal road to visit the old city of **Jaffa(Joppa)** and see the Church dedicated to St. Peter commemorating his miraculous healing of Tabita. **Via Tel Aviv**. Continue via the city of Caesarea to Haifa, Israel's largest port city, built on the slopes of **Mt. Carmel**. Visit the Famous **Persian Hanging Gardens** for a view of the Bahai Shrine. Then make a brief halt at the "**Home of Eujoh**", Then Proceed to **Nazareth**, the boyhood town of Jesus and home of Mary and Joseph and visit the **Basilica of the Annunciation** built over the grotto where Archangel Gabriel appeared to announce that she would bear a son, Jesus. We also stop by **Joseph's workshop** and the Tomb of the Just. Proceed to **Tiberias**. Check in Hotel . .Dinner, Overnight Nazareth / Tiberias. .

Day 7.

Sea of Galilee – Capernaum – Cana

Breakfast at hotel. . Visit **Capernaum** - the centre Jesus' ministry after he left Nazareth we stop at **Tabgha - the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes** and the expressive **church of the Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount**

This morning we drive through the landscapes of Galilee and later for a ride in a replica of a Galilean fishing boat of that time, on the Sea of Galilee and where Jesus calmed the storm and walked on the water. We make a brief half at St. Peter's house, the **Church of Primacy of Peter** and the place where Jesus

bestowed St. Peter with his authority. This is believed to be the place where Jesus dined with his disciple's the flat rock known as Mensa Christ of Chris's table commemorates this event. Visit **Cana** where Jesus performed his first Miracle, changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Then we visit **Mt.Tabor**, the sacred site of the Transfiguration Dinner and overnight at Hotel.

Day 8.

Jordan River – Sheikh Hussein Bridge – Amman (2Hrs Drive)

After Breakfast Proceed to Yardenit on the **Jordan River**, the traditional baptismal site. Free time for shopping. Proceed to Sheikh Hussein Bridge. After the Emigration & Customs formalities enter into Jordan . Proceed to **Madaba (The City of Mosaics)** then to **Mount Nebo**. Enroute we will have panoramic view of the Amman city. Mount Nebo : The trip south of Amman along the 5,000 years old King's Highway is one of the most memorable journeys in the Holy Land, passing through a string of ancient sites Jordan, the memorial of Moses, and the presumed site of the prophet's death and burial place. From a platform in front of the church one can enjoy a breathtaking view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Proceed to Hotel. Dinner and Overnight.

Day 9.

Amman – Muscat / Sharjah

Breakfast at Hotel. Transfer to Airport. Depart to Hyderabad via Sharjah / Muscat to Hyderabad.

Day 10.

Arrival Hyderabad