

# The Exodus and the Road to the Promised Land

November 6-19, 2010  
Hosted by Don Johnson and Brandon Ridley



## Saturday, November 6 Departure

Depart from Los Angeles International Airport this evening on a transatlantic flight.

## Sunday, November 7 Cairo

After changing planes in London, arrive in Cairo late this evening. Transfer to the Pyramid Park Hotel for overnight accommodations.

## Monday, November 8 Cairo

Visit Memphis, the capital of the Old Kingdom. Tour the world's oldest pyramids at Sakkara; see the Step Pyramid believed to have been designed by Imhotep. Continue to the great pyramids of Giza, including the Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops) and the Great Sphinx. Spend the remainder of the afternoon exploring the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities. See the fabulous treasures of King Tutankhamen. Enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise on the Nile River with a folklore show. Overnight in Cairo.

## Tuesday, November 9 Cairo – Sinai

Depart Cairo this morning, setting off across the desert towards the Red Sea. After crossing the Suez Canal, view the possible location where the waters parted for the Children of Israel. Drive through the mountains of Sinai. We will be in the vicinity of St. Catherine's Monastery, believed to be the site of the Burning Bush. Drive to the Hilton Hotel along the coast of the Gulf of Aqaba, for the remainder of the day. Dinner and overnight in Nuweiba.

## Wednesday, November 10 Petra

Cross from Sinai to Israel, continuing into Jordan. Drive through the countryside of Edom, the land of the Midianites. Continue north along the

King's Highway, and drive by Wadi Musa (Spring of Moses). Arrive in Petra in time to experience Petra by Night (if available). Follow a path lit by 1,800 candles, enjoying Bedouin music upon arrival at the Treasury. Dinner and overnight at the Petra Panorama.

## Thursday, November 11 Petra – Amman

Explore Petra, which is believed to be the biblical city of Selah. Visit the Great Treasury (Al-Khazneh Farun), the Roman Theatre, and the Royal Tombs as well as hundreds of monuments, tricluniums, and obelisks, all carved from the multi-shaded, rose red sandstone. Depart this fascinating city and drive to Amman for dinner and overnight at the Golden Tulip Grand Palace Hotel.

## Friday, November 12 Jordan – Israel

Drive to Madaba to visit St. George's Church to view its mosaic floor, depicting a map of the Holy Land as Christian pilgrims knew it. Continue to Mt. Nebo and view the Holy Land as Moses did before his death. Stop at Bethany-Beyond-the-Jordan, where it is believed John the Baptist preached and baptized Jesus. Cross the Allenby Bridge into Israel, stopping at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Overnight at the Intercontinental Hotel in Jericho.

## Saturday, November 13 Dead Sea – Beersheba

This morning begins at Ein Gedi, where David cut off a portion of Saul's robe while hiding in a cave. Drive to Masada, one of Herod's palaces and the last stronghold of Jewish rebels. Continue to Tel Arad for a look at the remains of an ancient Israelite temple. Drive through the Negev for a visit to Abraham's Well in Beersheba. Dinner and overnight at the Leonardo Hotel in Beersheba.

## Sunday, November 14 The Shephelah Valley – Jerusalem

Travel to Azekah this morning, a biblical town in the Shephelah which guards the upper reaches of the Valley of Elah. Visit the ruins of Beth Shemesh, the most important Israelite city in the Sorek Valley. Visit Maresha (Beth Guvrin) to see the intricate bell-shaped caves, first dug in the 4th century BC. Continue to the Valley of Elah where David encoun-

tered Goliath. Drive through the Valley of Ajalon, to see Tel Gezer. Along the way, see Neot Kedumim, a Biblical Garden and a unique recreation of the physical setting of the Bible. Drive up the historic Beth Horon Road to the Benjamin Plateau, passing ancient Gibeon and Nebi Samuel. Pass by the Emmaus Road on the way to Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem at the Ambassador Hotel.

## Monday, November 15 Jersusaelm

See Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives. Follow the Palm Sunday route to Dominus Flevit. View the Golden Gate, walk to Gethsemane and visit the Basilica of the Agony (Church of All Nations). Descend to the City of David: you may wade through Hezekiah's Tunnel, and see the recently discovered Pool of Siloam. Enter the Old City through the Dung Gate to see the Ophel excavations, including the Temple steps. Ascend to the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque, located on the traditional site of the ancient Temple Mount. See the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church. Follow the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel.

## Tuesday, November 16 Jerusalem

Walk to the Western Wall, and through the Western Wall Tunnel. Visit the Shrine of the Book, housing the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the model of Jerusalem as it appeared 36 years after Jesus. Depart Jerusalem for Tel Beit Shean, hearing the story of Saul and viewing the ruins of Roman Scythopolis. Overnight in Galilee at Kibbutz Ma'agan Holiday Village.

## Wednesday, November 17 Galilee

This morning, enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Disembark at Capernaum, and see the remains of a fourth century synagogue and house of St. Peter. See the remains of Chorazim and Bethsaida, cities condemned by Jesus for their

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lack of faith. Drive to Caesarea Philippi (Banias), a source of the Jordan at the foot of Mt. Hermon. Visit the ruins at Tel Dan. Stop at the ruins of the ancient Jewish village of Katzrin. Drive to Yardenit, the traditional baptismal site located where the Sea of Galilee runs into the Jordan River. Overnight in Galilee.

## Thursday, November 18 Nazareth

Visit the Galilee from the Arbel Cliff. Continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation. Stop at Mt. Precipice, drive to nearby Sepphoris, climb Mt. Carmel and drive along the Mediterranean seacoast to Caesarea Maritima. Enjoy a farewell dinner in Tel Aviv, with overnight at the Grand Beach Hotel.

## Friday, November 19 Return to the USA

Transfer to the Ben Gurion Airport this morning for departure for Los Angeles. Shalom / Salaam.



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