



Israel and Jordan - 2024

Start in Tel Aviv Israel - End in Amman Jordan

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Your Tour Planner

When you travel to Israel and Jordan with Tauck you explore all the threads – civilizations, cultures, history, traditions, religions and the arts – that are so intricately woven together throughout this compelling area of the world.

Gain special insights into its diversity from knowledgeable local guides and experts in their fields as our multidimensional Jordan and Israel tours take you from bustling modern-day Tel Aviv to ancient sites such as 4,000-year-old Jaffa, King Herod's port city of Caesarea, mountaintop Masada and Jerusalem's Old City. Expand your understanding of the religions that have so much to do with Israel and Jordan, past and present, during a Tauck Exclusive private panel discussion. Sail on the Sea of Galilee, relax at a resort along the Dead Sea, travel on Jordan's King's Highway to the fabled pink city of Petra, and dine Bedouin-style at a traditional feast. Privately guided tours and special cultural experiences for Tauck guests only bring it all to life, and superb hotels put you in the best locations throughout this extraordinary trip.

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Guests: Leigh Ann Joyce
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Journey: Israel and Jordan
Journey Begins: Thursday, March 21, 2024 Tel Aviv Israel
Journey Ends: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 Amman Jordan

DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QTY	AMOUNT
Israel and Jordan	\$10,790 USD	2	\$21,580 USD
Guest Protection Plan	\$769 USD	2	\$1,538 USD

Pricing is subject to change. All monetary values listed are in United States Dollars (USD); additional information is on the final page of the document. Tour Planner is not a booking and does not hold space for you on this departure.

Total Package Cost \$23,118 USD
Total Deposit Due \$1,200 USD

Itinerary

ONLY WITH TAUCK

- A special farewell dinner in Petra – a Bedouin-style traditional feast featuring a sword dance

TAUCK VALUE INCLUDES

- Guided visits to diverse sites such as the Western Wall, Dome of the Rock, Sephardic Synagogues, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Mt. Nebo, and Jezzar Pasha Mosque
- Premium accommodations – including Pool View rooms at Movenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea, and Junior Suites at Movenpick Resort Petra
- Walking tours exploring Israel's and Jordan's antiquities, guided by local experts & professional Tauck Directors; modern-day discussions including a "Prophet Sharing" panel discussion
- A cruise on the Sea of Galilee aboard a working replica of a 2,000-year-old fishing boat
- A private wine and hors d'oeuvres reception prior to the amazing sound and light show across the walls of the Tower of David
- Guided visit to Bethlehem for a tour of the Church of the Nativity and the Milk Grotto
- A chance to "float" in the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea and immerse in its therapeutic, mineral-rich black mud
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 33 meals; gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees, taxes and portorage

DAY 1 - THURSDAY MARCH 21, 2024

Welcome to Israel – arrive Tel Aviv

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, InterContinental David Tel Aviv. A transfer is included from Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport to the InterContinental David Tel Aviv, set on a beachfront promenade, with sweeping views of the Mediterranean, in the city's most fashionable neighborhood. Please join us this evening for our welcome cocktail reception and dinner where you'll meet your fellow travelers and Tauck Director.

- **MEALS:** Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental David Tel Aviv

DAY 2 - FRIDAY MARCH 22, 2024

Ancient Jaffa and contemporary Tel Aviv

On your first full day in Israel travel excursions around Tel Aviv reveal some of the striking contrasts that define the country. Our guide will give you a little Hebrew lesson with handy words to know during our welcome briefing before you set off for a walking tour through the maze of narrow, cobblestone streets of 4,000-year-old Jaffa, believed to be the oldest port city in the world. Explore the Visitors' Center in Kedumim Square and its museum with exhibits on the history of Jaffa and archaeological treasures. Have lunch at a local café, then travel from the romantic eccentricity of Jaffa to the Bauhaus architecture of Rothschild Boulevard... a true leap of time! Many Jewish refugees from Germany in the 1930s brought functional, modern design with them, and the plethora of square white buildings with curved balconies on every street earned Tel Aviv the nickname "The White City" and a UNESCO World Heritage designation as you'll learn on a city tour. But there the austerity of Tel Aviv ends; for the remainder of the day, spend time exploring this hip, young, city on your own. Your hotel is within easy walking distance of the beach, restaurants and a nightlife that is second to none.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental David Tel Aviv

DAY 3 - SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024

Discover grand Caesarea and historical Haifa

Over a period of just 12 years, Herod transformed Caesarea into a grand city and major seaport – and dedicated it to Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus, who had returned it to Herod after wresting it away from Cleopatra. During a walking tour, view the spectacular Roman amphitheatre, still used as a performing venue today; what was once the great harbor Herod built; the hippodrome that held 20,000 spectators for chariot races; and what remains of Herod's palace. After lunch, continue on to Haifa, international headquarters of the Baha'i Faith, and the Baha'i Shrine and Gardens on famed Mount Carmel. A succession of 19 manicured garden terraces lead to the Shrine of the Bab, entombing the remains of the Bab, Baha'i Allah, the herald of the Baha'i Faith. Your hotel, the Dan Carmel Haifa Hotel, sits atop Mount Carmel with great city views. Following a "Prophet Sharing" panel discussion, a unique

opportunity to ask questions and share information about the major religions that co-exist in this multicultural land, dinner this evening will be at the hotel.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Dan Carmel Haifa Hotel

DAY 4 - SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2024

From coastal Israel to the Sea of Galilee

A day excursion from Haifa – from the Mediterranean coast of northern Israel travel inland to the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus gathered his first disciples among the fishermen. At Yigal Alon Museum, you'll discover an archaeological treasure that rocked the worlds of archaeology, history and religion when it was found in 1986 – the Galilee Boat, a 2,000-year-old fishing vessel discovered in the mudflats of Galilee. Exhaustive scientific research places the fishing boat in the time and place of Jesus along the Sea of Galilee. Board a working replica of the boat and sail the waters of Galilee on a guided tour to see how fishermen in Jesus' time lived and worked. Learn about this rural area's many kibbutzim – farming communities which teach self-reliance, collective action and civic responsibility, and have lunch at a local restaurant in Tiberias followed by a visit to the Church of Annunciation. Return to your hotel where the rest of the evening is free to enjoy as you please.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Dan Carmel Haifa Hotel

DAY 5 - MONDAY MARCH 25, 2024

Akko, a place ruled by many

Today in Israel travel to one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, Akko, dating back to the era of the Egyptian Pharaoh Thutmose. Begin your visit to this richly historical city with a visit to the Jezzar Pasha Mosque, an excellent example of Ottoman architecture, named for Ahmed al-Jezzar Pasha, who defeated Napoleon at the 1799 French siege of Acre. A walking tour through the walled city takes in the Knight's Hall, the citadel and prison, as well as the ancient tunnels. Traces of the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Muslims, Crusaders, Ottomans, Bedouins and the British, who have all ruled here, as well as of the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, can be seen. Next up is a Tauck Exclusive – lunch at one of the city's best-known, most sought-after restaurants, Uri Buri, run by famed Chef Uri Jeremias; casual with understated elegance, his seafood is famous all over Israel. Continue on to Jerusalem, your hotel, the Waldorf Astoria Jerusalem, is one of the newest and most luxurious in the city.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Waldorf Astoria Jerusalem

DAY 6 - TUESDAY MARCH 26, 2024

Jerusalem, city of diverse cultures

For three of the world's great religions, Judaism, Islam and Christianity, Jerusalem is indeed a city of great significance. Your morning in this great city starts with an early entry visit to the Tower of David, followed by a walking tour led by an expert local guide in the Jewish Quarter of the city and the Cardo, a bustling marketplace built atop a site dating back to the time of Emperor Justinian, 6th century BC. The wide plaza before the wall is an open-air synagogue where Jews gather daily to pray; it has been among Judaism's most holy prayer sites for over 2,000 years – people of many religions leave prayer notes in the cracks and crevices of the wall. Descend into the ornate, ingeniously engineered Sephardic Synagogues, built below street level during Ottoman rule in obedience of a law that no Jewish temple could be higher than the surrounding houses. Your visit reveals a restored complex of four synagogues, Yochanan ben Zakai, Istanbuli, Eliahu Ha'navi and Emtasai, each built in a different time period to accommodate the needs of the Sephardic community of the day. Following lunch at a local café, visit the iconic Western Wall, the last remnant of Solomon's temple, which held the Ark of the Covenant, then enjoy a tour of Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, where a guide accompanies you through the images, survivors' accounts, and artifacts that put human faces on the Holocaust; it will be one of the most deeply moving experiences of your trip. The evening is at your leisure in Jerusalem.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Waldorf Astoria Jerusalem

DAY 7 - WEDNESDAY MARCH 27, 2024

A day in Jerusalem, a special dinner & a spectacular light show

This morning, return to the Old City for a visit to Temple Mount where the revered 7th-century Islamic shrine, the Dome of the Rock, is built atop Temple Mount – its golden dome shelters the rock from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended to Heaven. For Jews, it covers the holiest spot on Earth, the Foundation Stone of Solomon's inner temple. For many Christian pilgrims, a walk on the Via Dolorosa, along which Jesus carried the cross to the site of the crucifixion after Pilate's condemnation, is a most meaningful experience. Explore the winding path before continuing on to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which encloses the place where Jesus was crucified and buried. Following lunch at a local restaurant, the afternoon is free. Join us tonight for dinner at Eucalyptus, one of Jerusalem's most unique dining experiences. After dinner, head to the Tower of David for a spectacular sound and light show.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Waldorf Astoria Jerusalem

DAY 8 - THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024

Bethlehem and the Dead Sea Scrolls

Following breakfast, you have a choice of spending additional time in Jerusalem or joining us for a guided sightseeing excursion. Go through the security barriers to the West Bank for a visit to Bethlehem. Take a walking tour of the Church of the Nativity, built over what is traditionally thought to be the birthplace of Jesus, one of the

oldest continuously operating churches in the world. Beneath the elaborate church lies the Grotto of the Nativity, with the Chapel of the Manger just steps away. Visit the Milk Grotto, where the Holy Family took refuge before their flight into Egypt, then return to Jerusalem. On your return to Jerusalem, view the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Israel Museum, where they are exhibited. Spend the evening as you wish in Jerusalem.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Waldorf Astoria Jerusalem

DAY 9 - FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2024

Masada and on to Jordan

Depart Jerusalem for the cliff-top fortress at Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built by King Herod between 37 and 31 BC and the mighty stronghold of the Jewish Zealots who fled Jerusalem rather than submit to Roman rule during the First Jewish-Roman War in the 1st century AD. Take a cable car to the top of the mountain with a knowledgeable guide to explore the site, learn the story of what happened here over 2,000 years ago and discover why Masada has such tremendous significance today. Drive to Jordan and your luxury resort and spa on the Dead Sea, where you'll enjoy a premium Pool View room during your two-night stay. A cooking demonstration precedes dinner at your hotel this evening.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Movenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea

DAY 10 - SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2024

Jerash or a leisurely resort day

Today is a day of personal choice. You may be ready to just kick back and relax today, enjoying your Pool View room and the amenities of your spa resort on the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is the "Great Salt Lake" of the Middle East, and true to its name, devoid of life except for the many visitors who come to marvel at its mineral-rich, therapeutic qualities. Or, join your Tauck Director for a visit to the ancient city of Gerasa, today called Jerash. Step back in time 2,000 years as you explore the exceptionally well-preserved remains of Roman architecture in the Middle East, including Hadrian's Arch, the Hippodrome, the Oval Plaza, temples, theatres, arches, walls, baths and more in this fascinating archaeological site. After lunch, return to your resort to spend the rest of the afternoon. This evening, enjoy a lecture by a local woman as she provides insight into what life is like for her generation in Jordan. Dinner tonight is at your choice of restaurants at the hotel.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Movenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea

DAY 11 - SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024

On the road... to Petra

Today, your adventure takes you from the Dead Sea to Petra along the King's Highway, the oldest continuously used trading route in the world. Traveling south through ancient biblical lands, you'll stop first at Mount Nebo, where Moses looked out upon the "Promised Land." On a clear day, Jericho, the Dead Sea, the River Jordan and even Jerusalem can be seen from Mt. Nebo; visit the Memorial Church of Moses to see the well-preserved ancient mosaics that are located inside the excavated Old Baptistery. Biblical history is everywhere en route, most notably in Madaba; visit St. George's Greek Orthodox Church to view an incredible 6th-century map detailing the major biblical sites of the time. Enjoy a lunch of traditional Jordanian specialties before heading on to Petra, where dinner is at your leisure at your resort – just a short walk to the entrance of the 2,000-year-old city of Petra – where you'll enjoy a Junior Suite.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Movenpick Resort Petra

DAY 12 - MONDAY APRIL 01, 2024

The Pink City of Petra and a Bedouin dinner

The 2,000-year-old city of Petra, which the ancient Nabataeans carved out of colorful sandstone cliffs, was named one of the "New Seven Wonders of the World" – it is quite truly amazing. Almost forgotten for over a thousand years, Petra is one of the best-preserved biblical sites in the world. You'll travel through the narrow, high-walled canyon called the Siq... and suddenly, there it is, the huge, world-famous Treasury – your first sight is one of those life-transformational moments. Explore this incredible site on foot where you'll view Petra's tomb facades, royal tombs, temples and other structures on foot. Have lunch at the Basin Restaurant in the Old City, and return by camel. The afternoon is spent as you please – then get set for tonight's special farewell dinner! Join us this evening for a real taste of Jordan when you dine Bedouin-style at a traditional feast. A dance troupe of Jordanian men, dressed in customary Bedouin garments, entertains with a performance of the Dabkeh sword dance for a look at centuries-old traditions.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Movenpick Resort Petra

DAY 13 - TUESDAY APRIL 02, 2024

Jordan's capital, Amman

Drive along the winding 5,000-year-old King's Highway, through golden canyons and ancient villages, to Amman; this is one of the oldest continuously used roads in the world. Tauck's Jordan and Israel travel experience ends in Amman. Guests with early evening flights will be taken directly to Queen Alia International Airport while those departing late night or early the next morning will stay at Amman Rotana.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- ACCOMMODATION: Amman Rotana

DAY 14 - WEDNESDAY APRIL 03, 2024

Journey home for those not departing on Day 13

Tour ends: Amman. A transfer is included from Amman Rotana to Queen Alia International Airport. You should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in.

- MEALS: Breakfast

The official currency of Israel is the New Israeli Shekel (NIS), which is divided into 100 agorot. However, the Bank of Israel has done away with anything smaller than a 5 agorot coin; therefore, prices will be rounded up when you pay in coin, but will be exact if charged. The bills you will see commonly in circulation are the 200-shekel bill (orange-red), 100-shekel bill (brown), 50-shekel bill (purple) and the 20-shekel bill (green). The new 20-shekel bill is made out of plastic. Eventually, all Israeli bills will be made this way. Plastic bills are supposed to be harder to counterfeit and last longer than paper ones. They are also hard to keep folded and keep popping out of your wallet, so keep an eye on them! The coins in circulation include the 1, 2, 5 and 10-shekel coins, plus the 5, 10 and 50-agorot coins. Shekel coins are made of a nickel alloy and increase in size as they go up in value. Be careful not to confuse the 1 and 2 shekel coins, as they are not that different in size.

The local currency in Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar (JOD or JD), which is often called the "jaydee". There are 1, 5, 10, 20, 50-JD notes. The dinar is divided into 100 piastres (pronounced "pee-asters") of 1000 fils (pronounced "fills"). The fils is the unit most commonly used and you will usually see prices written as 4,750 (which is 4 JD and 750 fils). The government is in the process of phasing out fils coinage. Older coins say fils; newer coins of the same size say the equivalent number of piastres. The older fils coins do not have numerals on them. The value is written in English script but can be very difficult to read. Learn the sizes. The newer piastre coins do have Arabic numerals (that is the number as written by Arabs), plus the value spelled out in English. This will help you learn the Arabic numerals for 1, 5 and 0. Coins come in 1 dinar, 1/2 dinar, 1/4 dinar, 100 fils (10 piastres), 50 fils (5 piastres), 25 fils (2.5 piastres), and 10 fils (1 piastre). Paper money comes in 1/2, 1, 5, 10 and 20 dinar denominations. They vary in size and color, but it is possible to mix up the 1 and 10 if you are not careful. Currency can be exchanged at major banks, exchange booths and at most hotels. Street moneychangers are best avoided. Exchange rates are set daily by the Jordanian Central Bank.

To obtain the latest currency exchange rate, you may want to check your local newspaper or log on to the Internet website, oanda.com, by clicking [here](#).

All customary gratuities for restaurant and hotel staff, drivers and local guides are included.

Tour prices are per person. All hotel accommodations, entertainment, special dinners, land transportation, sightseeing, portage, and the services of local guides and the drivers are included. The departure taxes levied by Israel and Jordan and the Jordan visa fee are included. Transportation is included from Ben Gurion International Airport, located midway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, to InterContinental David Tel Aviv, provided we have received accurate international flight arrival information at least three weeks prior to the tour departure date. Transportation is also included from Amman Rotana to Queen Alia International Airport in Amman when you check out of the hotel. Transfers to and from airports may be shared with other Tauck guests.

To avoid jet lag and possible flight delays, you may wish to make hotel arrangements for the nights preceding or following your tour or cruise. As a service, we will book additional nights for you on a space-available basis using special rates only available through us. Hotel room charges will be added to the tour or cruise cost. Transfers for these extended stays are included (as noted). If you wish to spend additional nights, please consult Extend Your Stay in the Accommodations section and discuss it with your reservations sales consultant or your travel advisor when you book your tour or cruise.

We pledge to make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. We reserve the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, hotels, and/or conveyances as deemed necessary. Any savings realized by these changes will be refunded to you. Any resultant added expense will be covered by us. Although not expected,

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Have Information Ready

- Tour Name and Departure Date Desired
- Traveler Name(s): Please have first and last names as they appear on the passport or driver's license.
- Traveler's Address(es)
- Traveler's Phone Number(s)
- Emergency Contact Information: This would be a relative or friend whom we could contact during the tour in the event of an emergency. Please provide their name and phone number(s).
- Interest in purchasing a travel protection product (US and Canada)
- Interest in extending your trip by staying in a Tauck recommended hotel before your trip begins or after it ends
- Interest in our specially negotiated airfares.

Book Your Trip

For reservations, call [800-788-7885](tel:800-788-7885) or contact your travel advisor to book today!

Deposit Date

Upon your request, we will hold space tentatively for you and give a "Deposit Due Date," by which a deposit must be received or space is automatically released.

Special Requests

We will be happy to advise hotels of any special requests, provided we receive them at time of booking. We regret that requests cannot be guaranteed.

Final Payment

Final Payment is due to Tauck **60** days before departure for lands trips. If your deposit was made by credit card, final payment will be automatic unless you opted out at time of booking. Bookings without full payment at this time may be subject to cancellation without notice. Failure to make payment will be considered a cancellation by the guest and all applicable cancellation fees will apply.