

Cultural Treasures of Israel & Jordan

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A World of Discovery



Enjoy a compelling adventure through biblical lands untouched by time! Come face-to-face with the antiquities of Israel and Jordan, a unique tapestry of culture, history, traditions and treasured religious sites. From roaming the ancient rock-cut city of Petra to floating in the Dead Sea, tasting Israeli wines to enjoying warm Middle Eastern hospitality, get ready for a wealth of extraordinary experiences!

*Top: Theater ruins, Jerash | Above: City of David, Jerusalem
Cover: Treasury, Petra
Mail panel: Walled city of Jerusalem | Dead Sea*

Inspiring Moments



- Venture through the holy city of **Jerusalem**, visiting sites sacred to Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
- Journey through the 2,000-year-old city of **Petra**, carved into a sandstone valley.
- Roam the colonnaded avenues of **ancient Jerash**, one of the world's largest Greco-Roman towns.
- Float in the mineral-rich **Dead Sea**, a natural wonder in the Judean desert.
- Savor **local culinary traditions** during market visits, wine tastings and delicious feasts of regional dishes.
- Tune into **engaging presentations** on modern-day Israel and current events.
- Experience six **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**.

Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Join us for an unforgettable 11-night journey that showcases the important historical and religious sites of Israel and Jordan! Discover ruins of ancient civilizations and diverse sites, including ancient Jaffa, the Dead Sea, magnificent Petra and the sacred city of Jerusalem, a fascinating focal point of Judaism, Islam and Christianity.

Begin in vibrant Tel Aviv before delving into the many wonders of Jerusalem, from the Western Wall to the Holocaust Memorial Center and the revered Temple Mount. Visit Caesarea, an ancient landscape that still echoes with the cries of victorious gladiators; Akko, dating back to the Early Bronze Age; and Haifa, home to the stunning Baha'i Shrine and Gardens. Then cross over into Jordan to experience the fabled rose-red city of Petra, Madaba's beautiful mosaics and the hypersaline Dead Sea. This historical interlude will leave you inspired!

This exceptional program has been thoughtfully designed with educational enrichment from expert guides and lecturers. It also offers you the security, ease and value of group travel with plentiful opportunities for independent exploration. You'll appreciate the camaraderie with other curious travelers and make your own discoveries during free time.

Regards from Westwood,



Christel Aragon
Director, Alumni Travel

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UNESCO World Heritage

1. The Old City of Acre (Akko), Israel
2. The White City of Tel-Aviv – the Modern Movement, Israel
3. Masada, Israel
4. Bahá'í Holy Places in Haifa and the Western Galilee, Israel
5. Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls, Israel
6. Petra, Jordan





Old Jaffa and Tel Aviv skyline

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Tel Aviv, Israel. 🌐

Day 2 | Tel Aviv, Israel

Arrive and transfer ➡ to your hotel. Join us this evening for a convivial Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | Tel Aviv

Enrichment: *Contemporary Israel.*

Ancient Jaffa. Your adventure begins along the 4,000-year-old cobblestones of Jaffa. Revel in the many treasures of this old-world gem.

Neve Tzedek & ANU Museum. Enjoy a walking tour of the artsy Neve Tzedek district. Tel Aviv's first neighborhood boasts a variety of boutiques, classic bistros and art galleries. Continue to the ANU – The Museum of the Jewish People to learn about the ongoing story of the Jewish people and see rare artifacts.

Day 4 | Tel Aviv | Jerusalem

The White City. This morning, witness the stunning Bauhaus architecture of “The White City,” a UNESCO World Heritage designation.

Free Time: Soak up the buzzing atmosphere

of the Machane Yehuda market. Browse stalls filled with textiles, spices and tasty local foods.

Yad Vashem: A Poignant Monument.

Join a guide for a tour of the moving and powerful Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Enrichment: A Survivor Speaks.

Check in to your hotel and enjoy a group dinner.

Day 5 | Jerusalem

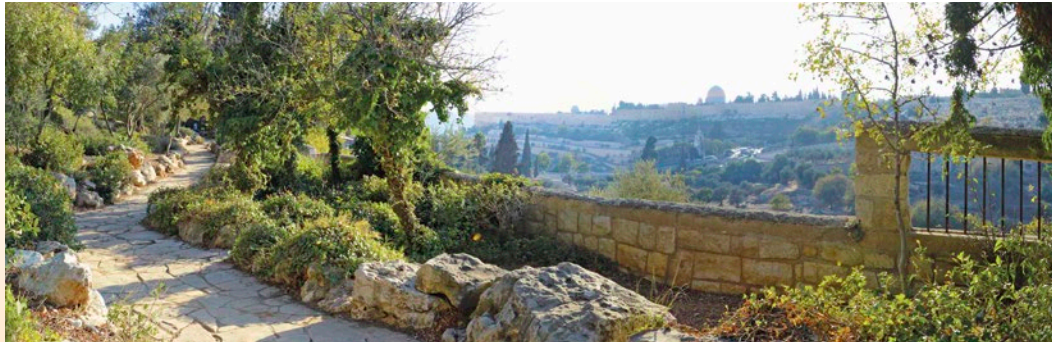
The City of David. Discover Jerusalem's Old City, brimming with landmarks that are sacred to three of the world's great faiths. Visit the Mount of Olives and Temple Mount, home to the golden Dome of the Rock. See interesting archaeological relics at the Davidson Center and pause at the Western Wall. After a falafel lunch, visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and walk along the Via Dolorosa, believed to be the path Jesus walked to his crucifixion.

Enrichment: Is it Finally Time for a Peace Deal?

Day 6 | Masada | Jerusalem

Judean Desert Drama. Venture to Masada, King Herod's 2,000-year-old clifftop fortress.

View of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives





Ruins of King Herod's palace overlooking the Dead Sea, Masada

During an insightful walking tour, learn about the significant events and great heroism that took place here.

Day 7 | **Caesarea | Mount Carmel | Akko | Tiberias**

Mediterranean Coast, Mount Carmel & Akko. Start the day with a walking tour of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great. Gaze at the massive Roman theater and the splendid hippodrome that once held 20,000 spectators. After an authentic Druze lunch, visit the coastal city of Haifa to enjoy views of the Baha'i Shrine and its lovely gardens. Next, visit the port city of Akko (Acre), one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited settlements. See the Crusader fort and follow in the footsteps of Romans, Egyptians, Persians and others. Check in to your hotel in Tiberias.

🌍AHI Connects | Celebrate Shabbat. Share a Shabbat dinner with a family in their home. Learn about this weekly observance and try *challah*, a traditional bread.

Day 8 | **Tabgha | Qatsrin | Tiberias**

Upper Galilee & Capernaum. Embark on a scenic cruise on the Sea of Galilee (weather permitting). Visit the quiet fishing village of

Tabgha and the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus is believed to have delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Continue to Capernaum, said to have been built on the home of Saint Peter.

Israeli Wine. Explore local vintages during tastings at a Golan Heights winery.

Day 9 | **Jerash, Jordan | Amman**

Jerash. Enjoy a tour of Jerash, one of the world's best-preserved Greco-Roman sites. Admire the city's monumental arches, Roman baths, hilltop temples and spacious plazas. Arrive in Amman and check in to your hotel.

Day 10 | **Madaba | Mount Nebo | Wadi Musa (Petra)**

Madaba & Mount Nebo. Find incredible Byzantine mosaics in Madaba, including a famous mosaic floor map inside the Greek Orthodox St. George's Church. Then ascend Mount Nebo. According to the Hebrew Bible, it was here that Moses glimpsed the Promised Land. Sweeping views of the Dead Sea, Jordan Valley and Jericho await at the summit. Check in to your hotel in Wadi Musa.

Day 11 | **Wadi Musa (Petra)**

Amazing Petra. Rise early to encounter the

Machane Yehuda market, Jerusalem



Mount Nebo





legendary biblical site of Petra. Walk through the narrow Siq, a canyon carved into red and apricot rock. The Siq leads to the pink-hued Treasury, the most famous of Petra's temples. Continue on a walking tour to admire the city's temples, royal tombs, shrines and other outstanding archeological wonders.

AHI Connects | Local Flavors at the Petra Kitchen. Delight in an authentic Jordanian experience tonight! Enhance your culinary skills at the Petra Kitchen. Accompanied by friendly staff, learn to cook Levantine cuisine, from soups to appetizers to a mouthwatering main dinner. Then sit down to dine on the delicious meal that you helped prepare.

Day 12 | Sweimeh | Dead Sea

Journey to your hotel by the Dead Sea.

Sea of Salt. The Dead Sea is the deepest hypersaline lake in the world. This afternoon, you have plenty of time to relax on the beach or swim in the mineral-rich waters.

Gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 13 | In Transit

Transfer to the Amman airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note About Activity Levels

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Included Features

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **2 nights** in Tel Aviv, Israel, at the deluxe Carlton Tel Aviv.
- **3 nights** in Jerusalem at the deluxe King David Jerusalem Hotel.
- **2 nights** in Tiberias at the first-class U Boutique Kinneret Hotel by the Sea of Galilee.
- **1 night** in Amman, Jordan, at the deluxe Fairmont Amman.
- **2 nights** in Wadi Musa at the deluxe Movenpick Petra.
- **1 night** in Sweimeh at the deluxe Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 11 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance plan** covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Shrine of the Báb, Haifa



Accommodations



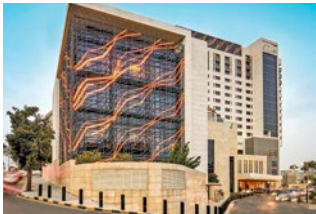
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The King David Jerusalem Hotel | Jerusalem, Israel



U Boutique Kinneret Hotel
by the Sea of Galilee | Tiberias, Israel



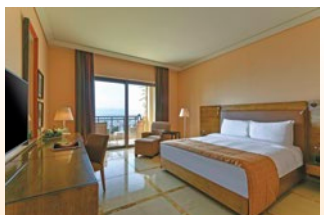
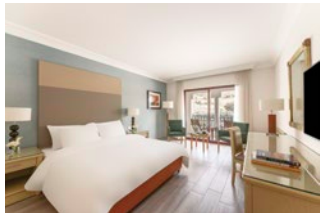
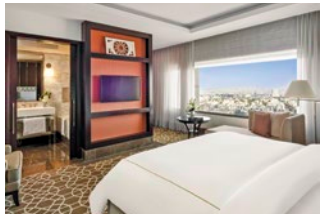
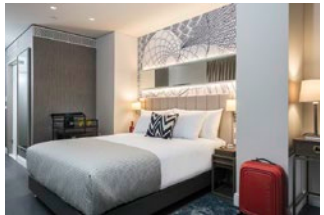
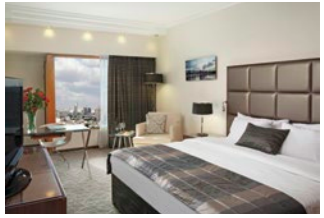
Fairmont Amman | Amman, Jordan



Movenpick Petra | Wadi Musa, Jordan



Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea | Sweimeh, Jordan



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Program Dates

Travel dates ✈

March 2-14, 2024

✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates*

March 3-14, 2024

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land Program

Full Price	\$6,745
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Special Savings	\$250
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Special Price*	\$6,495
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*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT is an additional \$495 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,345 (limited availability).

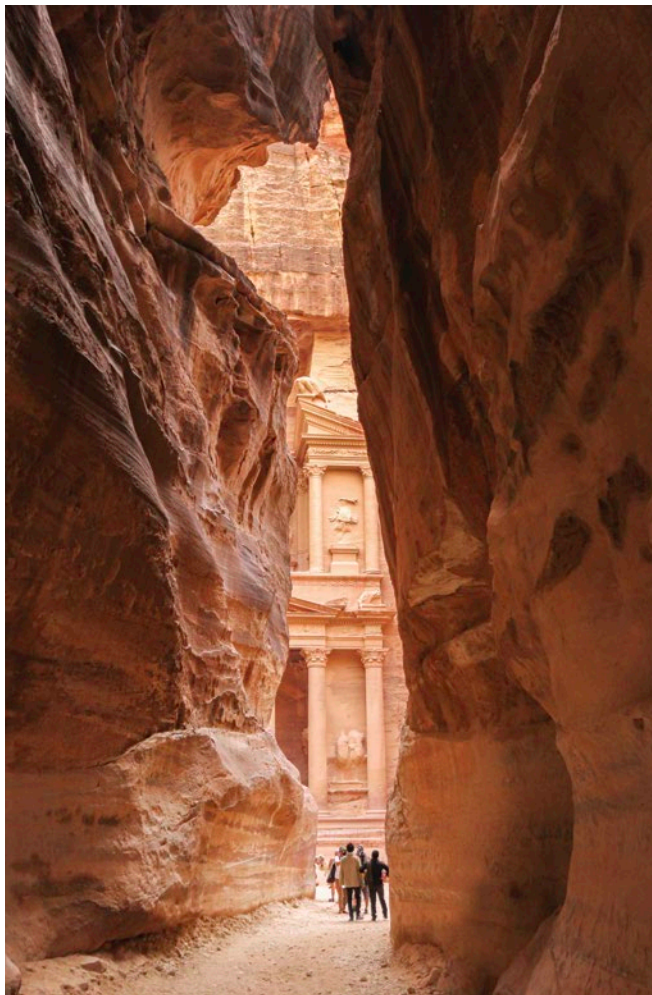
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Let us arrange your flights

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

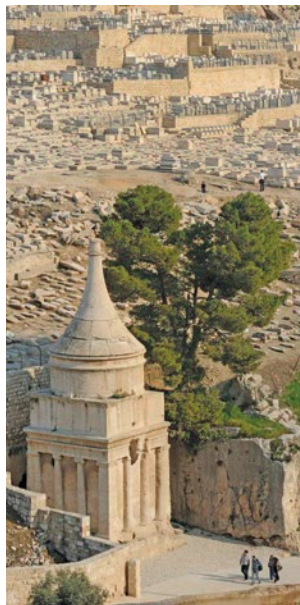
- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays



Siq leading to the Treasury, Petra



Camels, Jordan



Mount of Olives, Jerusalem

AHI Travel Expertise



From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

Travel Consultants stand ready to answer your questions as they guide you through the reservation process.

Passenger Service Representative offers personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides offer fascinating insights and share their passion for their country with you.

Knowledgeable Lecturers deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



Western Wall, Jerusalem

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