

Israel: Timeless Wonders

October 14-25, 2023

12 days for \$7,184 total price from Fort Myers

(\$6,395 air & land inclusive plus \$789 airline taxes and fees)



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An Exclusive Small Group Tour
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Dear Friends,

Travel with us on an exclusive 12-day small group tour to Israel to discover a remarkable and timeless land, experiencing places of beauty and belief.

Begin with touring of vibrant Tel Aviv, where you tour the “White City” district and nearby Jaffa. In the hills of Galilee, stay at a hotel on the grounds of a *kibbutz*. Continue on to Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and take a day trip to Nazareth and Safed. Spending the next five nights at the renowned King David Jerusalem hotel, enjoy an in-depth discovery of the “City of Gold” that includes the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, the Old City, the Western Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, as well as an excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea. Explore “rose-red” Petra and the capital city of Amman with an optional 5-day/4-night post-tour Jordan extension.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days prior to departure. Reserve risk-free today!

Sincerely,

John Guerra
Director, FGCU Academy

FGCU RESERVATION FORM – ISRAEL: TIMELESS WONDERS

To reserve your place on tour, **please call FGCU Academy at 239-434-4838, or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an FGCU Academy representative.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to FGCU Academy’s office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **FGCU Academy**
Attn: John Guerra
704 Goodlette-Frank Rd North
Suite 330
Naples, FL 34102

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

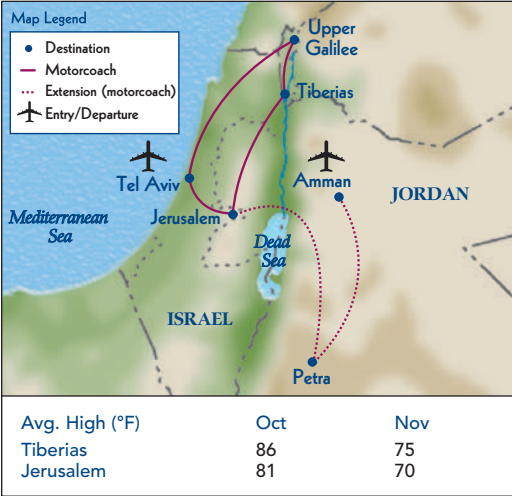
Post-Tour “Jordan: Petra & Amman” Extension: Please sign me/us up ☐

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Encounter a land of extraordinary beauty and belief, of spirit and story, history and hospitality. From modern Tel Aviv to scenic Upper Galilee, ancient Tiberias and storied Nazareth to Jerusalem, “City of Gold,” we engage all our senses in a small group encounter with this extraordinary and holy land, with a five-night stay in Jerusalem at the legendary King David hotel.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Tel Aviv, Israel

Day 2: Arrive Tel Aviv We arrive today and transfer to our hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned and are at leisure to explore or relax as we wish.

Day 3: Tel Aviv Today we encounter the vibrant modern city of Tel Aviv, Israel’s arts and culture capital. Our tour features Independence Hall, where the state of Israel was declared in 1948; the “White City” district of distinctive Bauhaus architecture, a UNESCO World Heritage site; and the recently renovated neighborhood of Neve Tzedek. We end the day visiting the nearby ancient port of Jaffa. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 4: Tel Aviv/Upper Galilee We travel north along the coast today to Caesarea to see the ruins of an ancient Roman amphitheater and harbor. We continue on to the artists’ village of Ein Hod, set amidst olive groves at the foot of Mt. Carmel overlooking the sea. Here we have the opportunity to visit the homes of some local artists and tour their workshops. Then we travel through the hills of Galilee to our hotel on the grounds of a *kibbutz* adjacent to a national park. Later we visit a working farm. *B,D*

Day 5: Mount Bental/Tiberias Today begins with a special tour of the *kibbutz*. We continue on to Mount Bental in the Golan Heights for a panoramic view of Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. Next: the ruins of Capernaum, where Jesus taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath; Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes; and Kibbutz Ginosar, where we see the “Jesus Boat” carbon dated to 100 BCE. We travel on to Tiberias and our historic hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Important in both Judaism and Christianity, this ancient city has attracted visitors, settlers, and invaders for more than two millennia. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Tiberias/Nazareth This morning we visit the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Then the New Testament comes to life as we travel to Jesus’ boyhood home of Nazareth, now a center of Christian pilgrimage. Here we visit the Church of the Annunciation, the largest

Small Group Tour Highlights

Tel Aviv touring, including “White City” of Bauhaus architecture • Jaffa’s ancient port • Artists’ village of Ein Hod • Overnight stay on a working *kibbutz* • Biblical sites of Tiberias, Nazareth, Mount of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee • Cooking demonstration • Five-night Jerusalem stay at legendary King David hotel • Jerusalem touring, including Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, Old City, Western Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Israel Museum, Ein Karem • Dead Sea Qumran Caves • Fortress ruins of Masada

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Tel Aviv		
2-3	Tel Aviv	Hotel Dan Tel Aviv	Deluxe
4	Upper Galilee	Hagoshrim Hotel & Nature	First Class
5-6	Tiberias	The Scots Hotel	Sup. First Class
7-11	Jerusalem	King David Jerusalem	Deluxe
12	Depart Tel Aviv for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.



We explore the ruins at legendary Masada on Day 8.

church in the Middle East and where the archangel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she would give birth to Jesus. We enjoy lunch at a family-run dairy farm then continue to Safed, center of Jewish mysticism, home to many artists, and where we stroll the medieval streets. We visit some of the galleries here before returning to our hotel, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 7: Tiberias/Jerusalem En route to Jerusalem today, we stop to tour the archaeological site of Beit Shean, where ongoing excavations have revealed the ruins of numerous cities dating as far back as the 4th century BCE. Then we travel on to Jerusalem, the 3,000-year-old “City of Gold,” sacred to the world’s three major monotheist religions. We get our first look at this holiest of places from a panoramic lookout on Mt. Scopus. After lunch at a local restaurant, we check into our hotel and have the rest of the afternoon at leisure. We dine tonight at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 8: Jerusalem/Masada/Dead Sea Today we travel to the shores of the Dead Sea to explore the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered between 1947 and 1956. We continue on to the ruins at Masada, the celebrated mountain stronghold (and UNESCO site) where outnumbered Jews held out against a three-year Roman siege in the first century CE then committed suicide rather than surrender. We ascend the mountain fortress by cable car to tour the ruins, which overlook the desert and the Dead Sea. Then we have the opportunity to swim in the Dead Sea – at a hotel beach with indoor and outdoor pools before lunch together at the hotel. We return to Jerusalem this afternoon. *B,L*

Day 9: Jerusalem We start today’s touring with a visit to the Haas Promenade for panoramic views of the city before we continue to Jerusalem’s Old City

for a tour of the excavated tunnels beneath the Western Wall. Then we visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, traditional site of Golgotha where Jesus is believed to have been crucified and buried. This afternoon, we get acquainted with the New City, dating from the late 19th century. We absorb some of the flavor of this multi-cultural enclave at the bustling outdoor market of Machane Yehuda (“Shuk”), encountering local residents as they shop for fruit, vegetables, meat, and more. *B*

Day 10: Jerusalem Our day begins with a tour of the haunting Yad Vashem, Israel’s living memorial to

Post-Tour Extension

October 25-29, 2023
Jordan: Petra & Amman
5 days/4 nights for \$1,795 total price
Single Supplement: \$395

*Discover the “rose-red city, half as old as time” on this exciting exploration.
Plus: the capital of Amman.*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Private motorcoach transportation Jerusalem/ Petra/Amman
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Petra at Mövenpick Resort Petra (Superior First Class); 2 nights in Amman at Grand Hyatt Amman (Deluxe)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing of Petra and Amman
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



... FAITH HOVERS OVER
THE TOWERS OF JERUSALEM.”

– BENJAMIN DISRAELI

the Holocaust set on a 45-acre site on the Mount of Remembrance. Through exhibits featuring artifacts, photos, videos, documents, and more, the museum traces the history and chronology of the Holocaust. Then we travel to the Judean Hills to the picturesque village of Ein Karem, where we enjoy an ethnic cooking demonstration. We return to Jerusalem where the remainder of the afternoon is free to explore as we wish – or we may choose to join in a complimentary optional excursion to Bethlehem. *B,L*

Day 11: Jerusalem/Old City We return to the Old City today, starting at the original settlement of the City of David, dating to at least the Middle Bronze Age of 1800 to 1550 BCE. Our guide gives us an in-depth account of Jerusalem’s role throughout history before we embark on a walking tour: the Jewish Quarter; the ancient Cardo marketplace still in use today; and the Western Wall, sacred to Jews as the last remaining trace of the wall that enclosed and supported the Second Temple on the Temple Mount. We spend the afternoon at the Israel Museum, the nation’s leading cultural institution, whose treasures include the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Shrine of the Book, and a scale model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple era. Tonight, we celebrate our Israel adventure over a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*



Devout Jews pray at Jerusalem’s Western Wall.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 23 meals: 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Sophisticated seaside Tel Aviv

Day 12: Depart Tel Aviv for U.S. Very early this morning we transfer by motorcoach to Tel Aviv for our connecting flights to the United States. *B*

Tour Departs: October 14, 2023

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	\$6,784
Miami, Washington, DC	\$7,084
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Chicago, Detroit, Fort Myers, Los Angeles, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$7,184
Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Minneapolis, Oklahoma City, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$7,284
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$789, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,995. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days from departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,995 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,695 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade prices are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For information and reservations, please contact John Guerra at FGCU Academy at (239) 434-4838 or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Responsibility-Tour Participation Contract – IMPORTANT: FGCU Academy does not provide travel services or act as the agent of any provider of travel services. The liability of Florida Gulf Coast University, as a sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as a tour operator, is strictly limited. FGCU Academy is not responsible or liable for any of the services provided for by Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. or any other travel agency, or for any of the services of hotels, motorcoaches, trains, vessels, aircraft, or other forms of transportation that may be used in connection with the tour. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under its control. All arrangements for transport, accommodations, and services are made upon the express condition that FGCU Academy, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and their affiliates shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity of any kind occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond their control, including, without limitation, any act of negligence or breach of contract of any third party such as an airline, cruise line, train, hotel, restaurant, tour operator/supplier, ground handler, etc., including their employees, agents, servants, or representatives, who is to or does supply any goods or services to the tour. Without limiting the foregoing, FGCU Academy, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and their affiliates are not responsible for any losses or expenses due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodations, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of God, acts of terrorism, war, quarantine, criminal activity, the defect of any vehicle, or for any other cause beyond their control. FGCU Academy reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour, or to substitute similar quality hotels or airlines without prior notice. If the tour is cancelled by FGCU Academy for any reason, FGCU Academy, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and their affiliates shall have no liability beyond the refund of all tour participant deposits received by them, net of any and all expenses due to suppliers and the airline refund policies. FGCU Academy, in its sole discretion, may increase the tour price in the event costs are increased. FGCU Academy may decline to accept or retain any tour participant as a participant on the tour at any time. Airline tickets may be sold in conjunction with the services of any airline. The passenger tickets in use by the carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, FGCU Academy and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of or changes to this tour. The parties agree that Ft. Myers (Lee County) in the state of Florida shall be the venue for any disputes arising out of this tour. **A signed FGCU General Release and Waiver Agreement is required from each participant prior to departure.**

Medical Conditions: If you or a member of your party suffer from any physical challenge or medical condition, you must check with your doctor about the advisability of traveling abroad and make this known to us before you book. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but are not responsible for denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. **Smoking:** Smoking is NOT permitted in the hotels, on motorcoaches, or on other modes of transport used by the group.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company fees provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided to you prior to your departure.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Dan Tel Aviv
www.danhotels.com

A member of Leading Hotels of the World, Dan Tel Aviv sits on the city's lively seafont promenade and close to the business district and main attractions. The hotel has two restaurants and a bar/lounge; several shops and boutiques, including an art gallery and antiques shop; beauty salon; complimentary Wi-Fi internet access; laundry and dry-cleaning services; and safe deposit boxes. Recreational facilities include an indoor freshwater pool; outdoor seawater pool; sun deck; fitness center; and spa with Jacuzzi, massage, and sauna. Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, in-room safe, minibar, TV, and phone.

Hagoshrim Hotel & Nature
www.hagoshrim-hotel.com

Located in Kibbutz Hagoshrim, some 40 minutes north of the Sea of Galilee, Hagoshrim Hotel & Nature offers a lovely and comfortable retreat in Israel's northeastern corner. The hotel was built on the ruins of an Ottoman winter palace and sits surrounded by gardens, greenery, and small streams. Amenities include a restaurant, lobby bar, health and sports center, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, full spa with a range of treatments, and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Air-conditioned guest rooms are decorated in bright, welcoming tones and offer private bath with hair dryer, in-room safe, coffee-making facilities, TV, and phone.

The Scots Hotel
www.scotshotels.com

Sitting directly in the center of Tiberias fronting the Sea of Galilee, the unique Scots Hotel was founded as a hospital in the 19th century by Dr. David Watt Torrance, a young Scotsman dedicated to serving all peoples of the Holy Land. Now owned by the Church of Scotland and converted to a 50-room boutique property in 1999 (the hospital closed in the 1950s), the hotel aims to "provide first class service in a place of reconciliation for all people, including Jews, Christians, and Muslims ..." in keeping with Dr. Torrance's beliefs. Indeed, in addition to its guests, the hotel's staff is ethnically diverse as well. Hotel facilities include a restaurant and bar; complimentary Wi-Fi internet access; laundry and dry-cleaning services; half-size Olympic outdoor pool and a beach garden with views of the Sea of Galilee and Golan Heights; an herb garden and ecological fish pond; spa; and gift shop with art and crafts created by local Jewish, Druze, Muslim, and Christian artists. Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, coffee-making facilities, in-room safe, minibar, TV, and phone.

King David Jerusalem Hotel
www.kingdavid.com

A landmark hotel steeped in history, the King David Jerusalem Hotel stands overbooked (and within easy walking distance of) the Old City. Equally accessible to Jerusalem's lively downtown, Israel's most famous and prestigious hotel makes an excellent base for exploring this fascinating city during our five-night stay. Built in 1931 of locally quarried pink limestone, the 237-room King David features spacious gardens with breathtaking views of the Old City; two restaurants and a bar; fitness center; outdoor swimming pool; tennis court; spa services; complimentary Wi-Fi internet access; laundry and dry-cleaning services; and shopping arcade with gift and jewelry shops, art gallery, and beauty salon. Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, in-room safe, minibar, TV, and phone.

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