

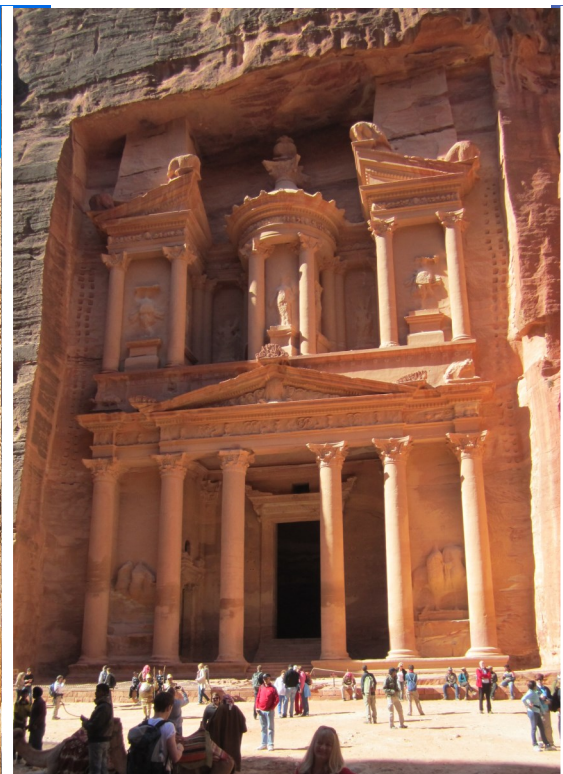


Reformation Tours, LLC presents

Biblical Egypt, Jordan & Israel

March 5-19, 2024

Hosted by Pastor Jason and Sandra Steele



Biblical Egypt, Jordan & Israel Tour

You are invited on a 15-day trip of a lifetime to Egypt, Jordan and Israel. We will begin with the magnificent pyramids as we learn more about Moses and Egypt's rich history. We will then travel through the wilderness including climbing Mt. Sinai to see the sunrise. We will pass by the Red Sea and visit the unique city of Petra in Jordan. From the top of Mt. Nebo we will see Moses' final view of the Promised Land, before we cross over ourselves. During our time in Israel, we will see many of the places where Jesus and his disciples lived and ministered, as well as key Old Testament sites. This trip will enable you to understand Jesus and the scriptures in a deeper way as we experience this historic region.

Our tour hosts, Rev. Jason and Sandra Steele, have served in ministry for over 20 years. They enjoy the blessing of traveling and exploring historic locations. Sandra is a dedicated pastor's wife who home-schooled their two daughters. Pastor Jason is an Evangelical Presbyterian Church minister serving a congregation in Owosso, MI. He teaches his congregation about ancient cultures and church history and is known to preach first-person sermons. The Steeles have hosted several Reformation Tours and they are excited to lead, learn and laugh together with you on this Biblical adventure.



Day 1: Tuesday, March 5: Departure

We will depart on our international overnight flight to Cairo, Egypt. (IF)

Day 2: Wednesday, March 6: Arrival in Cairo

On arrival in Cairo Airport, we will meet our tour director and transfer to our hotel. We'll enjoy a group meal and relaxation as we prepare to walk in the footsteps of Moses and the Patriarchs. (D)

Day 3: Thursday, March 7: Cairo

Cairo has a rich history and today we will visit the Pyramids, which are one of Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Cheops is the largest of three pyramids in the Giza Necropolis. The Great Sphinx was carved from a single rock. We will explore more of Egypt's history in the Egyptian Museum, location of Tutankhamen's treasures. We will also visit the Hanging Church, which was built in the 3rd or 4th century and is the largest Coptic church. We will dine in our hotel this evening. (B/L/D)

Day 4: Friday, March 8: Marah, Mount Sinai

We will depart from Cairo this morning to make our way through the Sinai Peninsula and the Biblical land of Goshen following in the footsteps of Moses and the Israelites.

Along the way we will stop at Marah, where the water was bitter. We will continue to Alim and the Oasis of Feiranm the site of the Battle with Amalek. Mt. Sinai. We will overnight near St. Catherine's Monastery, close to Mount Horeb and Mount Sinai. (B/L/D)



Day 5: Saturday, March 9: St. Catherine's Monastery, Aqaba, Petra

This morning we will wake up very early to go to Mount Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments. Camels are available, as well as hot drinks and snacks. Having seen the sun rise over the mountains, we will come back down the mountain for breakfast and a visit to St. Catherine's Monastery, built on the site believed to be where Moses saw the Burning Bush. It's the oldest continuously inhabited monastery in the world. We will then travel up the coastline of the Gulf of Aqaba, where we can see Israel, Jordan and Egypt from the Red Sea. This was Biblical Ezion Geber, Solomon's seaport. We will cross the border and travel up to Petra. (B/L/D)

Day 6: Sunday, March 10: Petra, Dead Sea

Today we will explore the jewel of the Nabataean Kingdom, Petra. Our guide will escort us on a walking tour through the Siq, a narrow canyon that is the main entrance to the city. At the end of the passage is Petra's most beautiful monument, the Treasury, carved out of the solid rock from the side of the mountain. After our tour, we will have tea with Bedouins, then travel up to our luxury resort hotel, where we will have a chance to float in the Dead Sea. (B/D)

Day 7: Monday, March 11: Madaba, Tel Aviv

We will stop on Mount Nebo, believed to be the burial place of Moses. We will enjoy the panoramic view of the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, and the Jordan River, and see the Memorial Church of Moses on top of the mountain with its well-preserved mosaics dating back to the Byzantine era. We will also visit Madaba to see the historic mosaic map of the Holy Land, which dates back to the 6th century. Before crossing over into Israel, we will visit the Baptism site of Bethany-Beyond-The-Jordan, said to be the site of Jesus' baptism. We will end the day in Tel Aviv, where we will meet up with the travelers joining us for the Israel part of the trip. (B/D)



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Day 8: Tuesday, March 12: Caesarea Maritima, Mount Carmel, Nazareth

After our first Israeli breakfast, we will board our coach and drive north up the coast to Caesarea Maritima, built by King Herod the Great in 22 B.C. It was here that Pontius Pilate lived and where the Gospel was first brought to the Gentiles. While here, we will visit the Roman Theater, the Roman Aqueduct, and the Herodian Port. We will drive by Mount Carmel where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal and stop at Mount Precipice where the Nazarenes wanted to throw Jesus off the cliff (Lk. 4:16-30). In Nazareth, we will visit the Church of the Annunciation, see Mary's Well and walk through Nazareth Village. **(B/D)**

Day 9: Wednesday, March 13: Caesarea Philippi, Magdala, Capernaum, Tabgha

This morning we will drive to Caesarea Philippi (Banias), one of the sources of the Jordan River. It was here that Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" and began to explain to them that he must go to Jerusalem (Mt. 16:13-23) and be crucified. We will visit Herod Agrippa's Palace, then continue on to the Nimrod Fortress. We will drive around the Sea of Galilee, passing by Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. We will enter the 2,000-year-old remains of Capernaum (Lk. 4:31-37) and stand in what is left of the synagogue in which our Lord ministered. We will also see Peter's house. We will visit Tabgha, commemorating the feeding of the 5,000 (Lk. 9); Mensa Christi, where the Lord appeared to the disciples after the resurrection (Jn. 21); and the Church of Peter's Primacy. We will stop at the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. **(B/D)**

Day 10: Thursday, March 14: Yardenit, Jerusalem

We will start our day with a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and stop to see the 2000-year-old Jesus boat. We will visit Yardenit, the famous baptismal site at the headwaters of the Jordan River and touch the water. Then we will travel south to the top of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem where we will enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the Old City and the Kidron Valley. From here it is a short walk down along the Palm Sunday Way to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed while the disciples slept. We will stop at Dominus Flevit, the Tear Drop Church, which commemorates Jesus' tears as he looked over Jerusalem. **(B/D)**

Day 11: Friday, March 15: Jerusalem

Our morning will begin at the Western (Wailing) Wall, Judaism's most holy site, and the Western Wall tunnels. We will then drive to Mt. Zion, where we will sing praises in the Upper Room (Lk. 22:7-38), view the traditional tomb of King David, and proceed to the Church of St. Peter Gallicantu and Caiaphas, the High Priest's house (Jn. 18). Here we will walk through some of the ancient rooms. A walk is also planned through the colorful Arab Bazaar where the sounds and smells of the Middle East

will come alive. In the Israel Museum, we will see the Temple Model and the Shrine of the Book. This evening will include an unforgettable Shabbat dinner. **(B/D)**

Day 12: Saturday, March 16: Masada, Qumran, En Gedi, Jerusalem

After breakfast we will take an excursion south of Jerusalem to key Jewish heritage sites. Our first stop will be Masada, the famous stronghold where the Jewish people held out while under attack from the Roman Army. We will rise to the top by cable car and see remnants of the city on the top. We will have a brief stop at Qumran to view Cave # 4, which contained the greatest quantity of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Then we will continue to En Gedi and relive one of David's historic encounters with King Saul and relate the topography and David's life to the Psalms. **(B/D)**

Day 13: Sunday, March 17: Jerusalem

Today will include a visit to the South Steps where the Rabbis taught, as well as the Pools of Siloam, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Warren's Shaft, and David's Palace. Entering the Old City through the Lion's Gate, we will walk along parts of the Via Dolorosa past Zion Monastery. We will continue to Ecce Homo (site of Jesus' scourging) and see an authentic Roman pavement at the Antonia Fortification. Following visits to Saint Anne's Church, the Pool of Bethesda, we will continue our walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. **(B/D)**

Day 14: Monday, March 18: Bethlehem, Jerusalem

We will begin our day with a tour of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. We will visit the Shepherd's Fields and the Church of the Nativity, before returning to Jerusalem. On our way back, we will stop at Herodium where we will view the tomb of Herod the Great, as well as Calvary and the Garden Tomb. This evening will include a very special communion service and a closing session. We will enjoy our farewell dinner in a restaurant. **(B/D)**



Day 15: Tuesday, March 19: Return

We will board our plane for our very early morning flight home. **(IF)**

Please note this itinerary is copyrighted.

RSS24 Tour Price: \$3,899 per person, land only
Israel tour price: \$2,599 per person, land only
**Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 20 participants*

Your Tour Includes:

- Land transportation via deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in itinerary
- Professional tour director throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers as a group
- Luggage handling: one piece per person
- All taxes and tips

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Round-trip air transportation (available from Detroit)
- Meals and beverages not identified in itinerary
- Single supplement (\$1,300 or \$890 for Israel only)
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date*)
- Passenger trip cancellation insurance (details sent with reservation form)

Payment Schedule:

- Initial deposit of \$350 will secure your place on the tour. Payments can be made online, or mailed to Reformation Tours, 12316 244th St, Chisago City, MN 55013.
- Final payments will be due no later than January 13, 2024
- Reservations will be accepted after January 13, subject to availability
- Early registration is encouraged. *Please note: all credit card payments will incur a 3.5% surcharge.*

Cancellation Policy:

The following penalties apply plus any non-recoverable expenses such as hotel deposits and attraction costs that had been made by the time of cancellation. Travel insurance is highly recommended for all travelers.

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