

# Biblical Deserts

Travelling through Sinai & Arabia

Tracing the Exodus routes from the  
Land of Goshen to Mount Nebo.

12/13 Days

September 18-30 2021

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*Biblical Deserts*  
The Sinai & Arabia

Day 1 - September 18th, Saturday  
**Flight Departure to Cairo**  
U.S. flight departures.



Day 2 - September 19th, Sunday  
**Cairo Arrival**

On arrival, we will be welcomed by our Egyptian tour guide and transferred to our Cairo hotel for a welcome dinner.

Dinner and Overnight in CAIRO.



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Day 3 - September 20th, Monday

### Cairo

## Egyptian Museum & The Pyramids

#### THE MORNING:

Visit and explore the **Egyptian Museum and King Tut collection** with its golden mask and coffin. Before departing the Museum you will have 'Optional' (entrance Fee not included) - time to explore some of the displayed artefacts and the royal mummy gallery.

#### THE AFTERNOON:

Explore the famous **Pyramids at Giza**, one of the 'Seven Wonders of the ancient World' and visit the **solar boat display**.

Then continue on to the majestic **Sphinx**, which is the largest single block sculpture in Egypt, located at the foot of Pyramid Chephren.

#### THE EVENING:

After dinner there will be an 'optional' visit to see the stunning **Sound & Light show** at the Pyramids.

Dinner and Overnight in CAIRO.





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Day 4 - September 21st, Tuesday

### Cairo Old City Memphis & Sakkara

#### THE MORNING:

We will wander in **Coptic Cairo** visiting the traditional **house of the Holy Family** where they may have lived for several years. Then to **St. Serguis Coptic Church** and the **Ben Ezra Synagogue**.

#### THE AFTERNOON:

Drive to **ancient Memphis**, which may have been the capital of Egypt where Abraham his wife Sarah lived. Drive through Memphis to reach **Sakkara**: one of the most exciting archaeological sites in Egypt, this necropolis is dominated by the step **Pyramids of King Zoser**. Returning from Sakkara we will stop at a local rug factory. On way to hotel we will visit a Papyrus shop.

Dinner and Overnight in CAIRO.

Day 5 - September 22nd, Wednesday

### The Southern Sinai Desert

After breakfast, we will travel to the Sinai following Moses' Exodus journey. On the way to Sinai, we will stop at the **Suez Canal** which links the Mediterranean and Red Seas. Then south to **Wadi Feiran and Rephidim** where Moses struck a rock, creating a spring to provide people with drinking water on their Exodus journey.

Continue to Mount Sinai and the hotel.

Dinner and Overnight at MOUNT SINAI



Wadi Feiran/Rephidim

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Day 6 - September 23rd, Thursday

### Mt. Sinai & Regions

#### THE MORNING

**hike up Mt. Sinai** to view the stunning mountains of the region -

**OR** ascend during the night for sunrise on the summit -

**OR** relax at the hotel -

Ascent is by walking or by camel - an easy winding path led by a local Bedouin guide with the final section of steps to the summit and the small chapel.

#### THE AFTERNOON

**A regional tour** of the surrounding areas to view:

**Rock formations** - uniquely carved by nature

**Bedouin Farm** - conveying desert lifestyle

**Sinai landscape** - giving a sense of the unchanged Exodus environment

Dinner and Overnight at MOUNT SINAI



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Day 7 - September 24th, Friday

### Sinai/Eilat on the Red Sea

After breakfast, visit **St. Catherine's Monastery** at the foot of Mount Sinai. Dating to the 4th century AD, it was founded by the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great and contains the world's oldest continually operating library.

See Moses' '**Burning Bush**'

Then depart along the **Eastern Red Sea Coast**.

We will stop for an overview at **Ein Hudra** where the Children of Israel camped and where Miriam was struck with Leprosy and banished from the camp for 7 days.

Continue passing the **Bedouin villages of Dahab and Nuweiba** where we cross the border into Israel.

Then follow the Red Sea shores the short distance to the hotel.

Dinner and Overnight in EILAT.

Day 8 - September 25th, Saturday

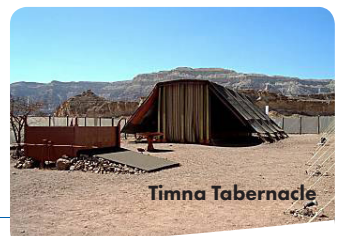
### The wilderness wandering

We will travel north to **Timna** to visit the **Temple to Hathor** - the Midianite Temple (Moses' father-in-law was a Midianite priest). See the slave camp, melting pits from the time of Exodus, a reconstruction of the **Tabernacle** and rock formations.

Then drive through the Jordan Valley to **Yotvata Hai Bar Wildlife Reserve** to see some of the desert animals.

Continue north through the **wilderness of Paran** to **Mitzpeh Ramon** in the wilderness of Zin.

Dinner and Overnight in EILAT.



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Day 9 - September 26th, Sunday

### The Negev Desert

Visit two Nabatean/Byzantine sites:

#### **Ein Avdat -**

A canyon in the Negev Desert with archaeological evidence it was inhabited by Nabateans and Catholic monks. Numerous springs at the southern opening of the canyon empty into deep pools in a series of waterfalls

#### **Mamshit.**

The city of Mamshit or Memphis in the Nabataean period (4th and 2nd centuries BC). It was an important station on Incense Road, running from the Idumean Mountains, through the Arava desert and on to Beer-Sheva or to Hebron and Jerusalem.

Time permitting, short desert walk in the wilderness of Zin.

Dinner and Overnight in EILAT.

Day 10 - September 27th, Monday

### Into Jordan

Cross from Eilat at the Arava border into Jordan.

Drive to **Wadi Rum** where the Exodus journey would have passed. Time for a **4x4 Jeep tour** through the sand dunes and stunning rock formations.

On to Petra and the hotel.

Dinner and Overnight in PETRA.



Ein Avdat



Mamshit



Wilderness of Zin



Wadi Rum



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Day 11 - September 28th, Tuesday

### **Petra, Secret Lost City**

*The day at this lost city and biblical 'Sela' of the Edomites. Later the tombed city of the Nabateans, then as a city of the Roman Empire, Petra became Christian.*

We will spend the day exploring the city, where you can choose to ride a horse or take the walk through the Siq (canyon) to the amazing Treasury.

#### Highlights

- ◆ The Siq a stroll through the narrow entrance.
- ◆ Treasury the stunning site at the end of the Siq.
- ◆ Roman Theatre impressive acoustics/well preserved seats.
- ◆ Temples/Tombs carved in a blaze of natural colours.
- ◆ The Cardo a walk on the ancient main street.
- ◆ High Place a climb for a grand view.
- ◆ The Monastery an option to go further in exploration.

Those not visiting the Monastery, visit the shops at the entrance or return to the hotel.

Dinner and Overnight in PETRA.







**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE**  
**February, 1935 - Volume LXVII, No. 2.**

Mysterious Temples & Tombs,  
Carved in Glowing Cliffs of Eroded Sandstone, are Remnants  
of a City David Longed to Storm.

“Petra, silent city of the forgotten past, halfway between  
the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba, exerts a magic spell  
on the minds of those fortunate enough to know it”...

The Rose-Red City, half as old as time, has a history that  
began long before histories were written... Abraham has  
two sons: Isaac, father of the Hebrews in Cana’an (Gen.  
25 : 19-26), and Ishmael, of whom it was said, “he will  
be a wild man” (Gen. 16 :12). From Ishmael sprang the  
Nabataeans, a Bedouin people and dwellers in Petra”...

The trip from Jerusalem to Petra and back once required  
about a month of arduous caravan travel through country  
infested with lawless Bedouin”...

“The tinkling of the pack-mule bells, the grumbling of  
the camels carrying water and fodder across the desert  
stretches, the gay tents at evening after a long day in  
the saddle, are all a joy of the past that lingers only in  
the remembrance of those who were not born too late  
to realise by experience what Petra, a gem in a caravan  
setting, mean to past ages”...

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Day 12 - September 29th, Wednesday

### The Desert Highway to Amman

After breakfast, depart Petra and travel north through the Arabian Desert to visit;  
**Madaba Town**

See the oldest mosaic floor map of the Holy land (5th Century AD) made out of around 6 million ceramic cubes.

#### **Mt. Nebo**

Here, Moses viewed the 'Promised Land' that he would never enter. The view from the summit provides a stunning panorama of the Dead Sea, Jericho, Mountains of Judea and on a clear day, Jerusalem.

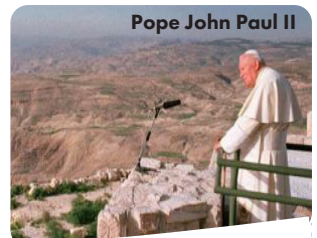
Dinner and Overnight in AMMAN.



Day 13 - September 30th, Thursday

### The Desert Highway to Amman

Travel to Amman International Airport for the return flight to the U.S.



## Planned Hotels

### CAIRO/ Pyramids Hotel

Located by the Giza Plateau historic site.



### MT. SINAI/ Morgenland Holiday Village

Oriental style with landscaped grounds and pool.



### EILAT/ Leonardo Privilege

By the Marina with pool and Spa.



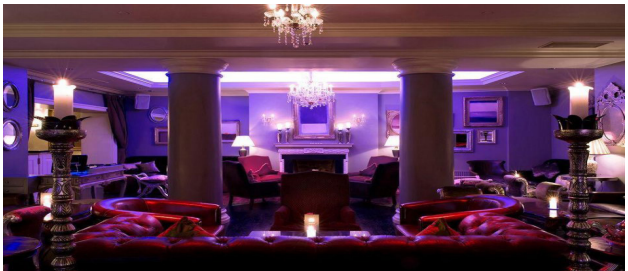
### PETRA/ Petra Guest House

Built in Petra stone and at the site entrance.



### AMMAN/ Grand Palace Hotel

Oriental style near the city center.



*Subject to final numbers and rooms required, some hotels may change but if so, they will be of the same standard.*



