EGYPT TO CANAAN 2024: EXODUS TO THE PROMISED LAND With Dr. Andy Nash & Local Christian Guides Egypt Feb. 29-March 7, 2024 Jordan March 7-10, 2024 Israel March 10-19, 2024 (Optional Pre-Tour to Luxor/Valley of the Kings Feb. 26-29, 2024)

*** Including a second bus for Adventist Young Adults ***

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR: LUXOR/VALLEY OF THE KINGS

Mon., Feb. 26	Fly overnight to Cairo, Egypt.
Tues., Feb. 27	Arrive in Cairo, Egypt. Overnight at the Meridian Airport Hotel.
Wed., Feb. 28	Breakfast and one-hour flight from Cairo to Luxor. Tour Karnak and Luxor Temples. Supper and overnight on Nile River in Luxor.
Thurs., Feb. 29	Breakfast and tour of Valley of the Kings and Pharaoh Hatshepsut's Temple. Supper and overnight on the Nile River in Luxor.
Fri., March 1	[Optional early-morning hot-air balloon flight over the Valley of the Kings.] Breakfast and fly back to Cairo. Transfer provided to Cairo hotel on Nile River. Meet main Egypt group at 7:00 p.m. for supper and vespers.
MAIN EGYPT TOUR	
Thurs., Feb. 29	Overnight flight to Cairo.
Fri, March 1	Arrive in Cairo, Egypt, and transfer to five-star Cairo hotel on the Nile River. Meet at 7:00 p.m. for supper, vespers, and overnight in Cairo.
Sab, March 2	Breakfast buffet and Sabbath morning worship. Depart for Museum of Egyptian Civilization, with extensive mummy exhibit. Lunch and visit to Memphis/Saqqara: ancient Egyptian capital and first step pyramid from Joseph/Moses era. Supper and overnight in Cairo.
Sun, March 3	Depart for Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza Plateau. Lunch and afternoon visit to beautiful new Grand Egyptian Museum. Supper and overnight in Cairo.
Mon, March 4	Depart Cairo and trace Exodus journey via the Red Sea, Marah, Elim, Wilderness of Sin, Rephidim, and Sinai desert. (See Exodus 12-19.) Supper, worship and overnight at the base of Mount Sinai.
Tues, March 5	Early morning camel-climb up Mount Sinai (Exodus 20-24). Descend for visit to St. Catherine's monastery, traditional site of Moses' well and burning bush. Arrive afternoon at beautiful Red Sea resort. Supper and overnight at Red Sea/Gulf of Aqaba.
Wed, March 6	Relaxing day at Red Sea/Gulf of Aqaba, with opportunity for world-class snorkeling or glass-bottom boat ride. Supper, worship, and overnight at Red Sea/Gulf of Aqaba.
Thurs., March 7	Load and depart for Jordan—or return to Cairo (via bus or flight) by 7 p.m. for flights departing after midnight.
Fri., March 8	Egypt-only travelers arrive home.

JORDAN TOUR

Thurs. March 7	Depart Gulf of Aqaba and cross border from Egypt into Jordan. Arrive at Wadi Rum desert camp for Jeep tour (and optional camel ride) followed by supper and overnight at luxury tented lodge.
Friday, March 8	Morning at Wadi Rum and depart for Petra. Lunch and afternoon arrival at Petra. Supper, sunset vespers, and overnight at Petra.
Sabbath, March 9	Full day to explore amazing Petra. Sunset vespers, supper, and overnight at Petra.
Sunday, March 10	Depart Petra for Mount Nebo and Machaerus (where John the Baptist was imprisoned). Cross Jordan border into Israel. Arrive in Tel Aviv. Supper and overnight at the Mediterranean Sea. (Travelers not continuing to Israel will be transferred to Amman airport hotel by 7:00 p.m. for flights departing the next day. Supper and hotel included.)
ISRAEL TOUR	
Sunday, March 10	Israel travelers fly overnight from home to Tel Aviv.
Monday, March 11	Rest and free day at the Mediterranean Sea. Enjoy beach or walk/bike to nearby Joppa or Carmel Market. Meet full Israel tour group at 7:00 p.m. for supper and worship. Overnight at the Mediterranean.
Tuesday, March 12	Breakfast buffet, worship and departure for Caesarea, Megiddo (lunch), Nazareth, Cana, and the Sea of Galilee. Supper and overnight on the Sea of Galilee.
Wed., March 13	Visit to Magdala and boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Bus to Tabgha, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Bethsaida. Lunch. Visit Jordan River/Galilee baptismal site. Free time for resting and swimming at the Sea of Galilee. Supper, worship, and overnight at the Sea of Galilee.
Thurs., March 14	Depart Galilee. Bus to Jericho (lunch), desert site of Jesus' baptism, and the Dead Sea. Float at the Dead Sea. Supper and overnight at Dead Sea.
Fri., March 15	Depart for Masada, Qumran (lunch), and the Old City of Jerusalem. Supper and evening walk to western wall to welcome Shabbat. Overnight in Old City of Jerusalem.
Sabbath, March 16	Worship and communion at Garden Tomb. Lunch provided. Visit Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Pool of Bethesda/St. Anne's Church, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Supper and worship. Nighttime outdoor "Light & Sound" celebration of Jerusalem at Citadel/Herod's Palace. Overnight in Old City of Jerusalem.
Sun., March 17	Old City sites: Temple Mount and Jerusalem Archaeological Park/Museum. Depart for Bethlehem and Valley of Elah (David & Goliath). Supper, worship, and overnight in Old City of Jerusalem.
Mon., March 18	Old City sites: Citadel/Herod's Palace (site of Jesus' trial) and Upper Room. Open lunch in Jewish Quarter. Visit to Hezekiah's Tunnel & Pool of Siloam. Afternoon free time. Depart from Jaffa Gate at 6:00 for Tel Aviv airport (for those going home). Arrive at 7:30 at Ben Gurion International Airport for overnight flights departing at 10:00 p.m. or later.
Tues., March 19	Arrive home.

Main Egypt Tour: \$1995/person (based on dbl occupancy); \$2295/single room; \$1595/child 11 and under staying with two adults. Tour includes beautiful accommodations at five-star hotels/resorts in Cairo and Red Sea, plus one night at Mount Sinai; all sightseeing and admissions, all meals; ground transportation, camel ride up Sinai, gratuities, post-departure trip insurance. (Not included: entry visa, exit tax.)

Optional Pre-Tour to Luxor/Valley of the Kings: \$650/person (double/triple occupancy); \$825 single; \$400/child 11 and under staying with two adults. Includes one night at airport hotel and two nights at five-star Luxor hotel on the Nile River sightseeing and admissions, all meals, gratuities. (Not included: roundtrip flight from Cairo-Luxor est. \$250; optional early-morning hot-air balloon ride over Valley of the Kings, est. \$125.)

Optional Jordan Tour: \$1050/person (double/triple occupancy); \$1300/single room; \$900/child 11 and under staying with two adults. Includes: three nights in hotels/luxury desert camp, plus one transition night in Amman or Tel Aviv; all transportation, sightseeing and admissions, local guide; gratuities, Jordan entry visa. (Not included; Jordan exit tax, daily lunches.)

Optional Israel Tour: \$2450/person (based on dbl. occupancy); \$3090/single room; \$2300/third person in triple room; \$2050/child 12 and under staying with two adults. Tour includes: first-class hotels/resorts, ground transportation, sightseeing and admissions, gratuities, breakfast and supper daily, Sabbath lunch, post-departure trip insurance. (Not included: daily lunches.)

International Flight: est. \$600-\$1200. Fares are published 11 months prior to tour dates, and travelers will book their own flights, with flight guidance provided. You can view options at google.com/flights and then click through to the airlines of choice. See below for specific flight instructions based on the itinerary you choose:

International Flight (Egypt-Only Tour): Book your departing flight from your home airport Feb. 26 or 29 (depending if you're including the pre-tour), arriving Feb. 28 or March 1 in Cairo. For your international return flight from Cairo, you will be transferred to the Cairo airport Thursday, March 7, by 9:00 p.m. for flights departing after midnight. (Alternately, travelers can fly one-way from Sharm El Sheikh on March 7 for about \$65.)Travelers choosing to stay overnight March 7 can request a reservation at the airport hotel \$200/room (based on double occupancy). You will arrive home Friday, March 8.

International Flight (Egypt+Jordan Tour): Book your departing flight from your home airport Feb. 26 or 29 (depending if you're including the pre-tour), arriving Feb. 28 or March 1 in Cairo. For your international return flight from Amman, you'll be transferred to the Amman hotel Sunday, March 10, by 7:00 p.m. for flights departing the next day, Monday, March 11. You'll arrive home Monday, March 11.

International Flight (Egypt+Jordan+Israel): Book your departing flight from your home airport Feb. 26 or 29 (depending if you're including the pre-tour), arriving Feb. 28 or March 1 in Cairo. For your international return flight from Tel Aviv, you will be transferred to the Tel Aviv airport Monday, March 18, by 6:00 p.m., for flights departing at 10:00 p.m. and later (most leave after midnight). Travelers choosing to stay overnight March 18 can book a room at the nearby Sadot Airport Hotel. You'll arrive home Tuesday, March 19.

Trip Insurance: Trip Insurance is provided through Adventist Risk Management. The insurance covers post-departure emergencies, including hospitalization and lost luggage, and also tour cancellation for medical reasons.

Sign-Up: This tour will be filled on a first-come basis. To hold space on this tour, email your name(s) to <u>tabghatours@gmail.com</u> and indicate which portions of the tour you're choosing. Within 10 days, please pay your nonrefundable deposit of \$250/person at tabghatours.com via debit/credit card. (No fee is added for debit cards; a 3% fee is added for credit cards.) Your deposit will be deducted from your final tour payment due Nov. 1, 2023.

November 1, 2023: Final payment due (less \$250 deposit).

Questions? Contact 423-298-2141 or tabghatours@gmail.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PASSPORTS. Your passport must be valid for at least six months after our return rate. Please take a photo of your passport and email it to yourself

as a back-up. (Visas are issued upon arrival for U.S citizens and many other western countries.)

VACCINATION: None required.

CHECKED BAGGAGE. Most international carriers allow one free checked suitcase (up to 50 pounds).

PACKING TIPS: People typically overpack, not underpack. You want to save space in your suitcase for items you may purchase. On most days you can wear pants/Capri pants/modest shorts or skirts. (No sleeveless shirts, please.) To visit the temple mount, you'll need long pants or a full-length skirt. Women must also wear long sleeves and avoid scooping neck lines. (A scarf is also a good idea.) Wear comfortable footwear all days, and bring your swimming suit. You may find it helpful to carry a small daypack containing a water bottle, sunscreen, tissue paper, hand sanitizer wipes, a Bible, pen and paper.

HAIRDRYERS, SOAP, AND SHAMPOO, AND SAFES are provided in our hotel rooms.

ELECTRONICS. Egypt, Jordan and Israel use European-style outlets (round prongs), so you will need a round- prong adapter for electronics. (You can buy these for about \$15 at Best Buy.) These countries use a 220-volt electric current, rather than 110 as used in the U.S. If your appliances are suitable for both 110 and 220 volts, you won't need to buy a transformer. Most laptops and phones work fine.

WATER: Bottled mineral water is also readily available, and travelers are encouraged to drink a lot. (Tip: drink even before you're thirty.)

WI-FI. Our hotels and bus have free WI-FI.

PHONE SERVICE. You can set up an international calling plan with your mobile phone provider ahead of time. Texting is typically more affordable than calling. Avoid using the hotel phone service, which can be very expensive.

MONEY. American dollars and debit/credit cards are welcome most everywhere. ATMs are widely available; a fee is charged. You'll want to alert your debit/credit card bank ahead of time that you'll be traveling to Israel. ATMs will dispense local currency. Many travelers bring about \$200 in cash, as well as their debit/credit card.

SHOPPING: Shopping opportunities will be available throughout the trip. Haggling on price is part of the culture, so enjoy the process.

WHAT TO BRING

 Bible/books/notebook

 Passport (carrying pouch)

 Negative PCR test documentation

Money/Credit Cards Toiletries/Medication/Sunscreen		
CLOTHING		
Casual pants/modest skirts		
Modest shorts		
Socks/underwear		
Shirts/t-shirts		
Modest skirts (ladies)		
Long-sleeve blouse—ladies		
Swimsuit		
Light jacket/sweatshirt		
Walking shoes		
Beach/water shoes		
Hat/Sunglasses		

LUGGAGE

1 checked suitcase	(limit 50 lbs.)	
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_____ Carry-on (limit 22" x 14" x 9")

_____ Daypack for excursions

ELECTRONICS

 Cameras
Laptop computer/lpad

Phone (set up international plan)

_____ Electrical adapter (if needed)