Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
Diocese of South-West America

13 DAYS PROGRAM

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE
HOLY LAND
JORDAN • ISRAEL • PALESTINE • EGYPT
Organized by The Diocesan Council

Limited Seats
(Please Ensure your Seats in Advance)

DOCTMENTS REQUIRED
• Clear Passport Copy (Color)
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(His Grace Will Join For Both Groups)

Faith Holidays
DAY 01
DEPARTURE FROM USA
Board the flight

DAY 02
DUBAI / ABUDHABI - AMMAN
Arrive Dubai and connect flight to Amman. Arrive Amman International Airport. On arrival in Amman airport we will be met by our representative. Proceed to Immigration, finish Visa and other formalities. Collect your baggage and proceed to hotel. Check in to Hotel. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 03
AMMAN - MADABA - MOUNT NEBO - DEAD SEA - MACHAERUS
Breakfast at Hotel. Proceed to visit Madaba & Mount Nebo. Madaba: "The City of Mosaics. In many respects Madaba is a typical East Bank town which differs in one major aspect: underneath almost every house lies a fine Byzantine mosaic. Madaba's chief attraction - in the contemporary Greek Orthodox church of St. George - is a wonderfully vivid, 6th-century Byzantine showing the entire region from Jordan and Palestine in the north, to Egypt in the south. Mount Nebo: The trip south of Amman along the 5,000 years old King's Highway is one of the most memorable journeys in the Holy Land, passing through a string of ancient sites Jordan, the memorial of Moses, and the presumed site of the prophet's death and burial place. From a platform in front of the church one can enjoy a breathtaking view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Proceed to visit the Dead Sea – bordering Israel, the West Bank and Jordan – is a salt lake whose banks are more than 400m below sea level, the lowest point on dry land. It's famously hyper saline water makes floating easy, and its mineral-rich black mud is used for therapeutic and cosmetic treatments at area resorts. The surrounding desert offers many oases and historic sites. Proceed to visit Maresha, is a fortified hilltop palace located in Jordan 25 km southeast of the mouth of the Jordan River on the eastern side of the Dead Sea. According to Flavius Josephus, it is the location of the imprisonment and execution of John the Baptist. According to the chronology of the Bible (Mark 6:24; Matthew 14:8), this infamous execution took place in 32 AD shortly before the Passover, following an imprisonment of two years. The site also provides the setting for four additional New Testament characters: Herod the Great; his son, Tetrarch Herod Antipas; his second wife, Princess Herodias, and her daughter, Princess Salome. Back to Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 04
SHEIKH HUSSEIN BRIDGE - NAZARETH - CANA
After breakfast Proceed to Sheikh Hussein Bridge to cross the border. Complete the customs & emigration formalities. Enter into Israel. Lunch at Restaurant. Proceed to Nazareth, the site of Mary's home and the town where Jesus played as a child, learned a trade, and grew to manhood. Visit home of Mary and Joseph and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation built over the grotto where Archangel Gabriel appeared to announce that she would bear a son, Jesus. We also visit Joseph's workshop. Proceed to Visit Cana where Jesus performed his first Miracle, changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Proceed to hotel. Check in. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 05
MOUNT TABOR - SEA OF GALILEE - CAPEernaum CANA - JORDAN RIVER
After breakfast proceed to Mt. Tabor, the sacred site of the Transfiguration. Proceed to visit church of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. We stop at Tabgha - the Church of the Multiplication of the Fish and Loaves. Then we proceed to the Church of Primacy of Peter and the place where Jesus bestowed St. Peter with his authority. This is believed to be the place where Jesus dined with his disciple's. The flat rock known as Mensa Christi of Christ's table commemorates this event. We will visit Capernaum, where Jesus began his Galilean ministry, see the synagogue which dates to the time of Jesus and the site of Peter's home. We drive through the landscapes of Galilee. Lunch at Restaurant. Afternoon
we ride in a replica of a Galilean fishing boat of that time, on
the Sea of Galilee and where Jesus calmed the storm and
walked on the water. Visit Yardenit on the Jordan River, the
traditional baptismal site. Proceed to hotel. Check in.
Dinner & Overnight at hotel.

DAY 06
HAIFA - MOUNT CARmel - JOPPA (TEL AVIV) -
JERUSALEM
Breakfast at hotel. Proceed to Haifa, Israel’s largest port city,
built on the slopes of Mt. Carmel. Visit the Famous Persian
Hanging Gardens for a view of the Bahai Shrine. Then make
a brief halt at the Stella Maris Monastery, see the caves of
Mount Carmel were well known to Elijah, the prophet who
sometimes lived and sometimes had to hide. Then continue
to Muhraka, the place of sacrifice and the site where
Prophet Elijah defeated the False Prophets of Ba‘al. Lunch at
Restaurant. Proceed to Joppa (Tel Aviv). Visit St. Peter’s
Church. View the beautiful Mediterranean Sea. Proceed to
Jerusalem. Arrive and Check in hotel. Dinner and overnight
at hotel.

DAY 07
OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM - GOLGOTHA - JERICHO
Breakfast at hotel. Proceed to visit the pools of Beit Hasda,
where Jesus held the crippled man. And from there we take
the Via Dolorosa (Way of Grief), traditionally accepted as
the last route trodden by Jesus. Follow the 14 Stations of
the Cross to Golgotha, the place where Jesus was crucified
marking significant events along the route. You will see the
Pilate's Judgments Hall, the Chapel of the Flagellation
where, according to tradition, the Roman soldiers scourged
Jesus and placed a crown of thorns on His head the Ecce
Homo Arch and the Convent of the Sisters of Zion. Early
tradition held that Pontius Pilate stood here and thundered
“Ecce Homo!” Which means “Behold the man!” Which is
what Pilate said when he presented Jesus to the crowd?
However, we now know that pagan Emperor Hadrian
constructed the arch. BELOW the Convent are the
Lithotrites where Jesus was publicly tried and where the
Roman soldiers mocked him. The last 5 Stations of the
Cross are inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher visible
from the distance, wish is two silver domes. Proceed to
Jericho. Lunch at Restaurant. Visit Jericho, we stop and view
Qarantal, the traditional Mount of Temptation and
Sycamore Tree It is also the place where Jesus stopped on
this way to Jerusalem, on the Eve of the Passover and were
Jesus cured the blind man during his stay at Zachaeus
house. Back to hotel. Dinner and Overnight at Hotel.

DAY 08
MOUNT ZION - MOUNT OF OLIVES - GETHSEMANE-
BETHLEHEM
After Breakfast Proceed to Mount Zion, Visit the Cenacle -
the tomb of King David. Visit Last Supper Room, where we
remember the last supper and the descent of the Holy Spirit
upon the Apostles on Pentecost. Visit the Church of St. Peter
of Gallicantu, which symbolizes Peter's Denial of Jesus as he
has prophesied at the Last Supper and then visit the
traditional house of high priest, Caiphas, where Jesus was
imprisoned. Then we go through the Jewish quarter to the
Wailing Wall, which is the holiest place for the Jewish
religion. We drive to the Mount of Olives for a panoramic
view of Jerusalem. Visit sanctuaries of Pater Nester
Ascension. Walk along the Palm Sunday road down to the
chapel of Dorminous Flevit where Jesus wept over eminent
destruction of Jerusalem. The chapel is built in the shape of
a tear as a poignant reminder to this event, and then visit
the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed while
Judah betrayed him to the Romans. Visit the Basilica of

DAY 09
EIN KAREM - BETHANY - TABA
After Breakfast, Check out from Hotel. Proceed to Ein
Karem, located in the hills next to a little spring. This is
the city of Judah and birthplace of John the Baptist,
son of Elizabeth & Zechariah and the also visit Church
of Visitation. After proceed to Bethany, the home
town of Mary, Martha & Lazarus. Visit Lazarus Tomb,
Lunch at Restaurant. Proceed to Tab (4.5 hrs. Drive).
Arrive Tab. Finish the Customs and Emigration
formalities at the Egyptian Side. Complete the
emigration and customs formalities. Proceed to Hotel
in Tab. Check in Hotel, Dinner and overnight at hotel.
DAY 10
TABA - ST. CATHERINE MONASTERY - SHARM EL SHEIKH
Breakfast and check out from hotel. Proceed to Sinai. Visit St. Catherine Monastery. Set beneath the mountain where Moses is said to have received the Ten Commandments, Saint Catherine Monastery has been one of the world’s great centers of religious pilgrimage for over fifteen centuries. Within its imposing walls rests a cistred like no other, incredibly rich in important religious and historical structures. Among its treasures is a library of ancient manuscripts and icons second only to the Vatican’s itself, and a 6th century church reputed to lie directly on the site of the Burning Bush. Quite simply, the monastery is a defining feature of the Holy Land. Lunch at Restaurant. Proceed to Sharm El Sheikh. Enjoy the glass bottom ride. Check in hotel. Dinner and Overnight at hotel.

DAY 11
SHARM EL SHEIKH - CAIRO
Early morning Breakfast and check out from hotel. Proceed to Cairo. Visit old Cairo churches. Proceed for Lunch at restaurant. Visit Paronaiac Village, is an Egypt’s historic park. It’s a unique place where Egypt’s entire history is explained in 2 to 3 hours including our ancient history as well as our modern history. It is located on an island in the Nile, just 3 miles south of the center of Cairo. In this village you are transported by floating amphitheaters, and a hundred actors and actresses demonstrate scenes from ancient Egypt (Papyrus making, sculpting, home building….etc.). Evening proceed to Cruising on the River Nile. Dinner on board. Enjoy the Shows on board. Back to hotel. Dinner and Overnight at hotel.

DAY 12
CAIRO - PYRAMIDS - DUBAI
Breakfast at hotel. Proceed to visit Pyramids. The last surviving member of the Seven Wonders of the World, The Great Pyramid of Giza. There are in fact three main pyramids in Giza; the Great Pyramid of Khufu (or Cheops), The Pyramid of Khafre and the smaller Pyramid of Menkaura. Each Pyramid is a tomb to a different King of Egypt. In front of the pyramids lies the Sphinx, or Abu al-Hol in Arabic, “Father of Terror”. Carved out of a single block of stone, this enormous cat-like sculpture has mesmerized millions of visitors. Lunch at restaurant. Back to hotel and check out. Transfer to Cairo Airport. Departure from Cairo by evening flight.

DAY 13
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Arrivalyour Home town.

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COST INCLUDES
Airfare from your departure city       | 2 N Accommodation at Bristol / Grand Millennium 4* Dlx/5* or Similar in Amman       | 2 N Accommodation at Ramada / Caesar Premier / olive tree 4* Dlx/5* or Similar in Nazareth / Tiberius       | 3 N Accommodation at Prima Kings / Crowne Plaza / Dan 4* Dlx/5* or Similar in Jerusalem       | 1 N Accommodation at Movenpick / Sofitel 4* Dlx/5* or Similar in Tabas       | 1 N Accommodation at Hilton / Barcelo 4* Dlx/5* or Similar in Sharm El Sheikh | 1 N Accommodation at InterContinental City Stars or Holiday Inn City Stars 4* Dlx/5* or Similar in Cairo | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary | All entrance fees included in Israel, Egypt & Amman | Luxury a/c coach with English speaking guide. Licensed guide | Israel, Egypt & Jordan Border taxes | Mineral Water | Jordan / Egypt on arraval Visas Charges | Service of an Experienced Tour Manager

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE
Israel Visa for Indian Passport Holders (No Visa required for US Passport holders) | Tips to Guides / Drivers / Porters | Travel Insurance | Cost of passports | Additional meals other than specified in the itinerary and also food and drinks not part of group menus | Laundry, beverages and Telephone charges.

CONDITIONS
• A non-refundable deposit of $1000 has to be paid at the time of booking.
• Balance amount should be paid 75 days prior to departure.
• The passengers are fully responsible for any illness and injuries occurred during the travel.
• Taking a travel insurance policy before the tour is highly recommended.

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