

Expedition to Biblical Jordan and Egypt 2019

TERMS & CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE

- **Air Transportation:** Roundtrip airfare in coach class from Chicago O'Hare International to Queen Alia International Airport Amman, Jordan, roundtrip airfare in coach class from Amman to Cairo International Airport, and local roundtrip airfare from Cairo to Aswan. Airfare and regulations are subject to change without notice and can carry penalties and surcharges until final payment has been received. Any upgrades to business or first class is the responsibility of the participant.
- **Accommodations:** Quality hotels ranging from Three Star class (in Madaba), to Five Star class (Nile Cruise) based on double occupancy with private bath. Gospel Travel and the tour directors of Timeless Tours reserve the right to substitute hotels in similar categories if needed.
 - **Single Accommodations:** Gospel Travel and the tour directors of Timeless Tours will attempt to arrange for a congenial roommate if you are traveling alone. If this is not possible or recommended, then an \$800 supplement will be required.
- **Meals:** Continental and buffet style breakfast daily. Buffet or set meal dinner daily throughout the tour. Most lunches are included and will be indicated on the itinerary. Food in Jordan will be primarily Middle Eastern cuisine while Egypt will offer primarily a Western diet. An extra charge may be applied for coffee, tea, or other beverage not included in the menu of the day. If a passenger chooses not to have a meal, there will be no refund for unused meals.
 - *Please note that while we will provide vegetarian options for meals, we cannot accommodate other special dietary needs including gluten free, dairy free, allergy free, or other specific dietary needs.*
- **Transfers:** International arrival and departure transfers plus group transfers are provided in conjunction with tour flights.
- **Sightseeing/Transportation:** All sightseeing tours described in the itinerary include transportation by the best available air-conditioned motor coaches or other vehicles depending upon the circumstances at the time of the tour operation. A camel ride, hot air balloon flight, small water craft, and cruise ship are some of the features on this tour. All entrance fees to the sites listed on the itinerary are included.
- **Lectures/Guides:** Professors Robert Bates and Stefanie Elkins will provide background lectures at all the sites visited. Local guides and travel agencies will also be employed for the duration of the tour and will give expert talks on site as well.
- **Baggage:** Includes the transportation and handling of two pieces of luggage per person throughout within the limits of airline regulations. Each person is responsible for ensuring that their luggage has been loaded onto the plane, bus, cruise ship, or other transportation.
 - **Each person should be prepared to pay for extra baggage fees in Egypt if two bags per person are brought on the tour. Air transportation within the country of Egypt only allows for one checked bag.**
- **Gratuities and Taxes:** All local/government taxes on hotels, meals, and services listed included. Tips to drivers, security, escorts, boat staff, and local guides are included.
- **Tour Price & Arrangements:** The tour price is based on international tariffs and rates in effect as of the date of the tour proposal (September, 2018) and includes planning, handling, and operating charges. The tour price is based on a minimum of 16 participants. An additional fee of \$250 may be charged for any deviation from the printed itinerary when requested in writing up to 60 days prior to departure and are not accepted after this time. All deviations are subject to the terms and conditions stated herein. In the event that the tour does not fulfill the minimum number of passengers within 45 days of departure, Gospel Travel and the tour directors of Timeless Tours reserves the right to cancel or re-cost the tour. Late booking or changes may result in an additional fee.
 - **Please note that the potential additional fee is not the same as the required \$200 administrative fee due Dec. 28, 2018.**
- **Water:** You will receive one complimentary bottle of water daily while we are on the tour. Please note that you will need to purchase additional water to ensure you are properly hydrated throughout the trip.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE

- Cost of personal/trip cancellation and baggage insurance and transportation of excess baggage.
- All items of a personal nature such as the cost to do laundry, beverages, extra gratuities, optional excursions, souvenirs, or deviations from the scheduled tour.
- Individual transfers to join or leave the group once the tour has commenced.
- Meals not shown as included or menu items not on the table/buffet.
- Travel insurance.
- Extra baggage fees
- \$25 Visa for Egypt (payable when we arrive in Cairo – please have \$25 US dollars in cash)
- Special visa's for non-US citizens, and visa entry for all tour participants into Egypt (approx. \$25 and paid upon arrival).
- Connecting flights to Chicago.

PASSPORTS/VISAS

- A visa is required for entry into Jordan and Egypt. Your visa for Jordan is covered by your tour package and will be secured by Gospel Travel prior to departure. Please note that this ONLY applies to US citizens. Your visa for entry into Egypt is NOT provided and you will need to have at least \$25 in US currency to purchase the visa upon arrival in Egypt. US and EU citizens as well as many other countries can receive a visa upon arrival to Jordan, but others may not. If you are not a US or EU citizen then please check with your consulate to see if you are eligible for a visa to these countries. If you are, it is your responsibility to apply and pay for the required visas.

- A valid passport is required for all members of this tour. If you do not have a passport, please contact your local passport office (available through most US post offices) or consulate to ensure that you are eligible for a passport and apply right away. Passports can take months to process. It is the responsibility of each tour participant to check their eligibility and apply for a passport. **Passports must be valid 6 months after the return date of the tour.** If your current passport is near expiration, please renew it. Please note that TSA/KTN passes do not apply to international travel to the Middle East.

INSURANCE

- Gospel Travel and the tour directors of Timeless Tours are not responsible or liable for loss, damage, or theft of personal baggage and belongings. Gospel Travel and the tour directors of Timeless Tours are also not liable for personal injury, accident, or illness (see *Assumption of Risk and Hold Harmless Agreement* form). We strongly suggest you check with your insurance agent to determine if your current policy is adequate to cover any eventuality. We highly encourage trip cancellation insurance. You can purchase travel insurance through Gospel Travel, or you can purchase through these other recommended travel insurance companies:
 - travelinsurance.com
 - Insuremytrip.com
 - travelexinsurance.com

CANCELLATION, REFUND, & UNUSED PORTIONS

- All cancellations must be in writing by letter or e-mail to Gospel Travel, and will be in effect on the date of receipt by Gospel Travel. There is no exception to the cancellation fee. Any exceptions must be made in writing from Gospel Travel and the tour directors of Timeless Tours. Air penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on the airline policy at the time the ticket is issued. Cancellations are subject to the following charges:
 - Up to 6 months before departure: \$300 per person
 - Between 6 to 3 months: \$350 per person
 - Between 89 to 61 days: \$400 per person
 - Between 60 to 45 days: \$450 per person
 - Between 44 to 15 days: 25% of the package price + non-refundable airline ticket.
 - Between 14 days to departure date: Full package price
- **For these and other reasons mentioned herein, you are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance.** A cancellation by a shared room occupant could result in the need to accommodate the other person in single accommodations, and this cost will be deducted from refund that might be due to the person canceling. Gospel Travel and the tour directors of Timeless Tours do not assume responsibility for cancellation fees imposed by air carriers and ground operators due to itinerary departure changes, and cancellations made after ticketing. Nor are we responsible for any individual air arrangements made in connection with group flights.
- A deposit of \$500 non-refundable per person is required to secure reservations and will be applied to the price of the tour. The balance is to be paid in full no later than 50 days (April 19, 2019) prior to the departure of the tour. Thereafter, a \$100 late payment fee will be assessed. Reservations made within 30 days of departure are subject to a \$75 late reservation charge.
- The prices quoted are based on group participation; there will be no refund for unused services, airline tickets, or portions of the tour not taken.
- Refunds cannot be made to tour members who for any reason, do not complete the tour.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

- Land arrangements including surface transportation: Gospel Travel, the tour directors of Timeless Tours, and the participating local tour companies operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the car rental contractors, cruise ship, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors, and others which provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, or damage or non-performance occurring in connection with these land arrangements (see *Assumption of Risk & Hold Harmless Agreement* form).
- International air carriers and other IATA carriers, cruise ship lines, and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.
- Gospel Travel and the tour directors of Timeless Tours are not held responsible nor is not liable for the roundtrip airfare within the country of Egypt (Cairo to Aswan). They are also not responsible nor liable for any portion of the Egypt part of the tour.
- Every tour participant must sign the *Terms & Conditions*, and *Assumption of Risk & Hold Harmless Agreement* forms.

EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS

- Foreign currency exchange rates fluctuate daily. It is often difficult to set the price of a tour when we cannot predict what exchange rates will do. We price our tours at a set exchange rate and adjust for fluctuations at final billing. If the rate drops below the original rate, we pass the savings on to our passengers. If rates increase, then we must pass those costs on as well.

SMOKING AND DRINKING

- This is a nonsmoking tour and smoking is not permitted where the group is gathered. If you choose to consume alcohol, please act in a discrete and moderate manner.

HEALTH

- We suggest that tour members contact their personal physician. By forwarding a deposit the passenger certifies that he/she does not have a physical condition that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.
- **We consider this a moderately strenuous tour. Walking on rough terrain and climbing stairs are part of several excursions. All tour participants are expected to be in good health, enjoy traveling as part of a group, and be ready to experience cultural differences with grace and patience.**

TOUR PHILOSOPHY

- This tour is designed to explore the relationship between the Bible, the ancient Near East, and archaeology. While all Christians of any denomination are warmly welcome, we will generally follow traditional Seventh-Day Adventist practices which may include a worship activity on Saturday.
- We work hard to ensure that Saturday/Sabbath activities on the tour reflect Seventh-Day Adventist traditions. However, given the diversity of Adventist practices, the tour directors reserve the right to plan activities that reflect the best interests of the group within the context of our environment. If you have any issues, please contact the tour leaders with your concerns and we will consider them with all due diligence.
 - Sabbath activities may involve traveling by bus, hiking to selected historical and archaeological sites, eating at restaurants, and horse-pulled carriage rides.

CULTURAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Gospel Travel and the tour directors of Timeless Tours have great respect for the culture and people of the Middle East, especially the countries of Jordan and Egypt. Timeless Tours has developed this tour in order to introduce you to the people and places that hold a special place in our hearts. Therefore, as a condition for going on this tour all participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is in harmony with the values of the Christian faith which include respecting the beliefs of the people of Jordan and Egypt. It is therefore understood that tour participants will conduct themselves in ways that will be harmonious with the sensibilities of local people, even if those sensibilities seem unfamiliar to one’s own.
- Jordan and Egypt are Muslim and third-world countries. To this end, all tour participants are expected to do their best to approach the tour with an open mind and a cooperative spirit. This assumes that you will take personal responsibility for any offensive behavior that includes but is not limited to the following:
 - Making off-handed remarks that reflect negatively on Islam, Jordan, or Egypt.
 - Commenting on the “primitive” or “terrorist” ways of all those of Middle Eastern or Arabic decent.
 - Making statements that can be misconstrued as racist, sexist, or demeaning.
 - Overtly proclaiming your American citizenship by wearing clothing with pictures of our flag, military branches, or similar types of outward expressions of American patriotism.
 - Wearing clothing that is too revealing or clingy.
 - Engaging in excessive discussions with the locals about political events including the war in Syria, ISIS, Palestinians, or American politics, especially Trump or Obama, in general

As a condition to the acceptance on this tour, each applicant must agree to and sign the statement set forth below.

I have read carefully the itinerary for this tour, and I understand the *Terms & Conditions* and refund policies set forth within. My signature below and my deposit constitutes my acceptance and agreement of the above items. I represent that I am physically and mentally fit to be able to participate in this tour and recognize and accept any risks thereof and the conditions set forth therein, including the refund policy. I also understand and hereby agree on behalf of myself, my dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and agree to abide by the conditions set forth under this *Terms & Conditions*, to release, defend and hold harmless Gospel Travel, the tour directors of Timeless Tours, local tour companies and guides, any of their officers, agents, licenses or representatives from any and all liability for delays, illness, injuries or death, or for the loss of or damage to my property, however it may occur, during any portion of, or in relation to the *Expedition to Biblical Jordan and Egypt* tour, taking place on the dates of June 9-23, 2019.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

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Printed Name