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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA BARBARA**

**PRESENTS**

**ISRAEL**

**THE HERITAGE AND THE HOPE**

**MAY 14 TO 26, 2012**



## YOUR SPECIALIST-GUIDE: AMIR ORLY

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With more than 30 years experience, a Master's degree in Biblical Studies and deep insight into his homeland's complex past, Amir Orly is the ideal guide to show you Israel's many treasures. He serves as a guide for dignitaries, media and heads of state and has developed and taught academic programs on religion and regional conflict for several American universities. Amir will enrich each stop along your journey with historical background and meaning.

## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAYS 1/2 ~ MONDAY/TUESDAY ~ MAY 14/15 SAN FRANCISCO OR LOS ANGELES/TEL AVIV/JERUSALEM

Board your overnight flight to Israel. Upon arrival the next day, you will be greeted by your Classic Escapes guide, and driven to your hotel in Jerusalem. En route, visit the Haas Promenade for stunning views of the entire Jerusalem landscape including the Old City and surrounding walls.

Spend the next five days exploring Jerusalem, a mountainous city with a 5,000-year history, sacred to the three great monotheistic religions of the world – Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It is a major site of pilgrimage for all three religions as well as non-religious travelers, thanks to its unmatched historical and spiritual importance, its network of museums and concerts, and the archeological treasures that are continually discovered here. It is also a dynamic modern city shared by Jews, Christians and Arabs.

Renowned for its excellent personalized service, the Inbal Hotel is modern, elegant and ideally located in the center of Jerusalem. It is within easy access to the Old City and Liberty Park. Get to know your fellow travelers at during your welcome dinner this evening. Overnight at the INBAL HOTEL. (Meals Aloft; D)



### DAY 3 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ MAY 16 JERUSALEM

You will have a very full day of sightseeing! Highlights include the Temple Mount, City of David, the Jewish Quarter, Mount Zion and the Via Dolorosa.

Your first visit this morning is to the Temple Mount, an elevated plateau in the Old City of Jerusalem rich with history and religious importance. It is currently governed by the Waqf, or Supreme Muslim Religious Council. Like many sites in

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Jerusalem, the Temple Mount is sacred to Jews, Muslims and Christians alike. Originally, it was the site of the great Temple of Jerusalem, the holiest place in Judaism. For Muslims, it is the site of the Prophet Muhammad's journey to heaven described in the Qur'an. Finally, Christians revere it as a place frequently visited by Jesus and some believe it will play a major role in the end-time events.

From here you will go into the Davidson Center for a lecture and virtual computer generated reconstruction of the temple mount at the time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple. Leaving the center you will travel along the Western Wall of the Second Temple, destroyed in 70 A.D., and go to the area of the wall held sacred to Jews today. Tour the City of David, beginning with an observation position overlooking Biblical Jerusalem that will send you 3,800 years back in time to the days of Abraham, when the first foundations of the city were laid. View the Western Wall, the only remaining part of the holy temple and the holiest of Jewish sites.



Following a Falafel lunch, walk the Via Dolorosa, which for many Christian pilgrims to Jerusalem, the most important and meaningful thing they will do while in the city, the route that Jesus took between his condemnation by Pilate and his crucifixion and burial. The route of the Via Dolorosa begins near the Lions' Gate in the Muslim Quarter and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the Christian Quarter, home to the holiest site in all of Christendom – the tomb where Christ was buried and was resurrected.



Next, step into the Jewish Quarter and discover tangible remains of a dramatic chapter in Jewish history, the period of its greatest grandeur: the time of the Second Temple. Following Babylonian captivity, Jews returned to Jerusalem and the area that is now the Jewish Quarter was inhabited by Jews once more and developed into an aristocratic and priestly residential neighborhood, with many luxurious mansions overlooking the Temple Mount.

Jerusalem was again leveled in 70 A.D. by Roman armies (the remains of houses burned in that blaze have been uncovered in what is now the Jewish Quarter); 65 years after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, they (and later their Byzantine successors) rebuilt the city. You can visit several recently uncovered vestiges of Byzantine times in the Jewish Quarter, including the Nea Church, and the southern end of the city's colonnaded north-south thoroughfare, the Cardo Maximus which is home to many shops and galleries.

Continue to Mount Zion where you will visit the room that is believed to have been the setting for the Last Supper and then King David's tomb.

Drive to the Rockefeller Museum with its extraordinary collection of antiquities dating from 10,000 BC, unearthed in excavations conducted mainly during the British Mandate (1919-1948).

Return to the hotel where the rest of your evening is at leisure.

Overnight at the INBAL HOTEL. (B,L)

## DAY 4 ~ THURSDAY ~ MAY 17

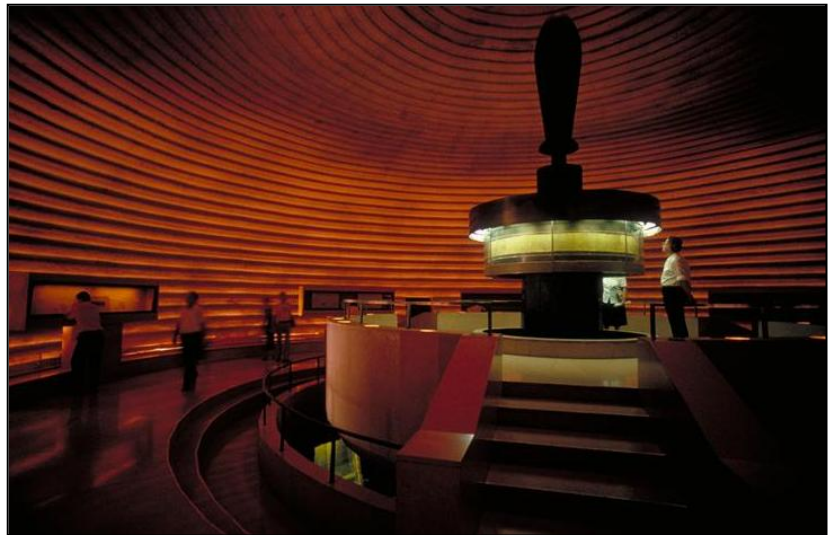
### JERUSALEM

Begin the day at the Israeli Supreme Court for a tour of the striking compound. Its architects leaned heavily on the Bible and the precepts of Jewish thought in their design. The first thing you'll notice at the entrance foyer is the narrow



staircase leading into the sky. Jerusalem stone walls on one side, and a bare flat wall on the other, symbolize the aspiration from the land (laws) towards the heavens (justice.) This same theme is repeated in the visual leitmotif of straight lines ("Your laws are straight," Psalms 119:113) and circles ("He leads me in the circles of Justice," Psalms 23:3.) The courtrooms are simple and elegant, the judges and lawyers sit along two tables that form a circle. And the building is conveniently situated between the Knesset (Israel's parliament) and the site of the future Prime Minister's office and residence – thus the judicial branch serves as mediator between the executive and legislative branches.

shaped top. The roof was designed to resemble the jar covers in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. Inside, a long, subtly lit passageway, designed to evoke the environment that the scrolls were found, has a permanent exhibition on life in Qumran when the scrolls were written. The main attraction of the Shrine of the Book is, of course, the Dead Sea Scrolls themselves. Directly beneath the dome is an imposing showcase containing a replica of the Great Isaiah Scroll (written c. 100 BC), comprised of 66 chapters on a 23 ft long, sewn-together piece of parchment. This find was extremely important, as it is 1,000 years older than the oldest biblical manuscript available before. Another important exhibit here is the scale model of Jerusalem at the time of the Second Temple.



Get a taste of the variety of people, produce and goods that are part of Israel today as you have lunch and shop at Jerusalem's outdoor souk Machane Yehuda

After lunch you will visit Mount Herzl Israel's National Cemetery named for Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism. Within the cemetery is Yad Vashem Museum, Israel's official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust. The new Hall of Remembrance is a remarkable architectural and educational achievement. Here you will also find the Children's Memorial and the path of trees creating the "avenue of the righteous among nations" honoring those who risked their lives to save Jews.

Return to your hotel (time permitting) to freshen up for dinner this evening at the Olive & Fish restaurant near your hotel followed by the Sound and Light show at the Tower of David. The tower's ancient walls come alive during the show that takes you on an inspiring open-air tour of Jerusalem's history.

Overnight at the INBAL HOTEL. (B,D)

**DAY 5 ~ FRIDAY ~ MAY 18**

**JERUSALEM: MASSADA/EIN GEDI NATURE RESERVE/QUMRAN**



Leave Jerusalem this morning for Masada, near the Dead Sea. You can climb up the ancient serpent path, or take a cable car to hill top ruins of Masada, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built by King Herod, the site would later be the scene of the Zealots last stand against the Roman Legion. Determined not to become slaves to the Romans, they did the unthinkable, mass suicide. Some 960 souls chose death over surrender on that fateful day. Explore the ancient excavation of Herod's Palaces, the bathhouse, storerooms, the ramp and one of the oldest synagogues in the world.

Continue to Ein Gedi Nature Reserve, a lush oasis set between the harsh Judean Desert and the barren Dead Sea. Take a short hike to the beautiful waterfalls, en route enjoying the wonderful flora and fauna around you.

The last stop of the day is at Qumran, the site of an Essene settlement and the place where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Return to Jerusalem this evening. Overnight at the INBAL HOTEL. (B,L)

**DAY 6 ~ SATURDAY ~ MAY 19**

**JERUSALEM: MOUNT OF OLIVES/BETHLEHEM**

Enjoy a lecture by your guide, Amir Orly before driving through the city's various neighborhoods. You will stop at the Mount of Olives with its stunning views of Jerusalem. According to Jewish tradition, the Messiah will appear here and bring the dead back to life; as a result, the hillside became the holiest cemetery, and is covered by thousands of graves. There are also some olive trees remaining and churches marking various acts in the life of Jesus.

Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane at the foot of Mount of Olives. It is mostly famous as the setting following the Last Supper where Jesus sorrowfully prayed to God the night before his crucifixion.



Perched on a hill at the edge of the Judean desert, just five miles south of Jerusalem is Bethlehem, the childhood home of the biblical King David. To get there you will pass thru a checkpoint in the fence separating Israel from the Palestinian Authority. It is also the birthplace of Jesus Christ and has been a major site of Christian pilgrimage since the construction of the Church of the Nativity in the 4th century AD. You will also visit the Shepherd's Fields, identified since ancient times with the shepherds who saw the Star of Nativity.

Not far away, you will stop at a home in an Israeli settlement within Palestine. Overnight at the INBAL HOTEL. (B,L)

**DAY 7 ~ SUNDAY ~ MAY 20**

**BEIT SHE'AN/GOLAN HEIGHTS/TIBERIAS**

Leaving Jerusalem for the Galilee, your first stop is Beit She'an, home to some of Israel's most spectacular archaeological

finds. The site features a large amphitheater (with a capacity of about 7,000 people,) a Byzantine era colonnaded street, ritual baths, a pottery workshop, a basilica, a Roman temple and much more.

Ascend the Golan Heights for panoramic views and proceed to the Golan Olive Oil Mill, adjacent to the ancient city of Qatzrin. Enjoy lunch and a guided tour of the olive oil press and skincare center.

In the afternoon, check into the Kibbutz Ein Gev set amid eucalyptus and date palm groves right on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, just across the lake from Tiberius. You will go out on the lake in the Kibbutz boat, then a Kibbutz member will take you on a tour of the Kibbutz and talk

about its' history and role today. This evening enjoy a wonderful fish dinner in the guest house dining room overlooking the lake. It's a paradisiacal place to unwind and swim the warm waters of the lake.

Overnight at KIBBUTZ EIN GEV GUEST HOUSE. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8 ~ MONDAY ~ MAY 21**

**TIBERIUS: CAPERNAUM/TABGHA/SAFED**

Visit Capernaum, once a fishing village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The town is first mentioned in the New Testament, where it figures prominently in the Gospel narratives as the place where Jesus lived during much of his ministry in Galilee. It was here, according to the New Testament, that he "cured many who were suffering from diseases," and "cast out many devils" in those possessed. View one of the oldest synagogues in the world as well as the church ruins that were built above St. Peter's house.

Tabgha is not a city, but a small area on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee, not far from Capernaum. In ancient times, it was called Heptapegon, Greek for seven springs. These springs produce warm water, which increases the production of algae in this part of the lake in turn attracting more fish. Fishermen have flocked to Heptapegon for thousands of years. It is also the traditional site of the "miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes" and the third resurrection of Jesus. The hill above the two lakeside churches is the Mount of Beatitudes, where it is believed that Jesus preached the Sermon of the Mount.

Visit the ancient Galilean city of Safed, the highest city in Israel, commanding breathtaking views of Galilee with its green mountains and the white snow-capped peak of Mount Hermon. One of the four holy cities in Israel (Jerusalem, Tiberias, Hebron), it has been a spiritual center since the 1600s when it was the center of Kabbalah. The Kabbalist mystics lived,



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studied, taught, and wrote in the city and many of the graves are objects of worship. Wander through the alley ways past charming stone houses with their artists' studios and workshops and synagogues, some active for as many as 500 years.

The Dan Carmel Hotel sits high up on Mount Carmel offering breathtaking views of Haifa Bay and the Mediterranean coastline. This classic hotel is situated on the prestigious, tree-lined Hanassi Boulevard and backs onto Haifa's gorgeous hill-top promenade, only meters away from the magnificent Bahai Temple. The hotel is also just a couple of minutes walk from the attractive Carmel Center with its many cafés, shops and entertainment venues. Tastefully and elegantly designed in contemporary style, all the guestrooms and suites offer marvelous views. Most rooms have views of Haifa Bay and the coastline, while others offer views of the wooded hillsides or of the city – as well as of the sea.

Overnight at DAN CARMEL HOTEL. (B,D)



**DAY 9 ~  
TUESDAY ~  
MAY 22  
HAIFA**

Haifa is located in northwest Israel overlooking a bay on the Mediterranean Sea, compared by some to the similarly-situated cities of San Francisco or Naples. Israel's third largest city, Haifa is a major industrial center and has a population of almost 300,000. According to a popular Israeli saying, "Tel Aviv plays while Jerusalem prays. But Haifa works!"

Like most of Israel, Haifa has been populated since ancient times. Elijah is the city's most famous early inhabitant; here he meditated in a cave before defeating the priests of Baal. In April 22, 1948, the Arabs of Haifa surrendered to Israeli forces and the town remains under Israeli rule today. Most of Haifa's Arab inhabitants left after this, but the town still retains a cosmopolitan mixture of Muslim Arabs, Christian Arabs, and Baha'is.

Begin your day at the Technion, the Institute of Technology that has been the heart of the Israel's technology miracle. You will learn about some the discoveries for which Israelis have won Noble prizes.

Descend to the slopes of Mount Carmel where you'll see the Stella Maris Carmelite Monastery. In the 12th century, during the Crusader occupation of the region, groups of religious hermits began to inhabit the caves of this area in imitation of Elijah the Prophet. Within a century, these monastic hermits were organized into the Carmelite order and the Carmelite order spread throughout Europe. While the Carmelite orders flourished in Europe throughout the Middle Ages, its founders on Mount Carmel were exiled at the time of the Mamluk conquest in 1291 and did not return until the 18th century. Construction of the present monastery and basilica began in 1836.

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Visit Kababir, a former Arab village and the only settlement in Israel whose residents come from the Ahmadiyya sect of Islam, originating in India. According to the theology of the sect, holy war in the name of Islam (jihad) must only be carried out by preaching and pleasantness and not by force of a sword. The Ahmadiyyans fulfill all the commandments of Islam, but oppose jihad 'holy war' and preach for the brotherhood of nations.

Continue your cultural and religious journey as you drive through the recently reconstructed German Colony, originally built by the German Templar Society.

This afternoon travel north to the World Heritage Site of Acre, an exceptional historic walled port-city with continuous settlement from the Phoenician period. Acre became the capital of the Crusaders after they lost Jerusalem. Walk through the restored underground Crusaders City. The present city is characteristic of a fortified walled town dating from the 18-19<sup>th</sup> centuries, with well preserved components such as a citadel, mosques, khans, and baths.

This evening you will be joined at dinner by members of the various religious and ethnic communities.

Overnight at DAN CARMEL HOTEL. (B,D)



**DAY 10 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ MAY 23**  
**HAIFA/NAZARETH/TEL AVIV**



First stop is the immaculate Bahai Gardens, with their stone peacocks and delicately manicured cypress trees, a restful, aesthetic memorial to the founders of the Baha'i Faith. Pilgrims come to Haifa from all parts of the world to pay homage to the first leaders of their religion, which emphasizes unity across cultures and religions. They believe that messengers of God like Moses, Jesus and Mohammed have been sent at different times in history with doctrines varying to fit changing social needs, but bringing substantially the same message.

Continue to Beit Lechem HaGilit where you will enjoy a special herbal cooking seminar followed by lunch.

Head to Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus, and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, a modern Catholic Church built over the remains of Byzantine and Crusader churches. It incorporates the cave in which the Virgin Mary received the news from Gabriel that she would give birth to Jesus. The site has been a pilgrimage destination since earliest times and remains an important stop for Holy Land pilgrims today.

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End the day at picturesque Ein Hod Artist's Village, situated on a hillside amid olive groves, with a stunning view of the Mediterranean Sea and a twelfth-century Crusader fortress. Many Israeli painters, sculptors and musicians live here, and maintain studios and galleries that are open to the public which you will visit.

Situated on the shores of the sparkling Mediterranean Sea you will find your luxury hotel for the evening, the Dan Hotel Tel Aviv. Enjoy all modern amenities including a stunning outdoor pool and a large array of spa facilities, everything from classic massages to yoga.

Overnight at DAN HOTEL TEL AVIV. (B,L)

### **DAY 11 ~ THURSDAY ~ MAY 24**

#### **CAESAREA/TEL AVIV**

Visit Givat Haviva, an institute dedicated to fostering the creation of a shared society, resisting racism and discrimination and building greater understanding between different groups in Israeli society and among nations, through education.



Drive to Binyamina to visit the world-renowned Tishbi Winery for wine tasting and lunch.

Continue south to Caesarea, an ancient city, now archaeological park, located on the Mediterranean Sea. Constructed by Herod the Great between 22 and 10 BC and named for Caesar Augustus, Caesarea was one of the most splendid cities in Palestine and was the capital of the province for almost 600 years. See ruins from the Roman, Byzantine and Crusader eras and a virtual model of Ancient Caesarea and the enormous artificial port that even today would be considered an important feat of engineering.

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### **DAYS 12/13~ FRIDAY/SATURDAY ~ MAY 25/26**

#### **TEL AVIV/SAN FRANCISCO OR LOS ANGELES**

Tel Aviv was founded in 1909 by a small group of Jewish families that moved out of from the overcrowded and hostile Arab town of Jaffa. Just one hundred years later, it is Israel's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city and its most vibrant. The sheer vigor and determination of the place makes Tel Aviv seem vastly bigger than it really is. In fact, the city is smaller in area than Haifa or Jerusalem, but almost one-half of Israel's population live in the greater Tel Aviv metropolitan area.

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Drive through the White City of Tel Aviv, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you will see a collection of over 4,000 Bauhaus or International style buildings built in Tel Aviv from the 1930's by German Jewish architects who immigrated here after the rise of the Nazis.

Stroll through Neve Zedek, the first neighborhood in Tel Aviv. For years, the neighborhood prospered as Tel Aviv itself, the first modern city, grew up around it. Years of neglect and disrepair followed, but today, Neve Zedek has become one of Tel Aviv's latest fashionable and expensive districts.



Continue to Jaffa, adjoining Tel Aviv and one of the world's oldest cities, with a harbor that has been in use since the Bronze Age. The city's history is connected to a series of successive conquests that rocked Israel throughout the millennia. Today Jaffa is a city with a diverse population of Jews, Muslims and Christians. Currently undergoing a wave of gentrification, Jaffa is a socio-economic mix of young artists, new wealth and older, less affluent inhabitants. Culturally, Jaffa has become a place where creative people live, work and set up shop, making its streets a maze of discovery – with galleries, theaters, restaurants, a flea market and an antique district. You will have the honor of visiting a unique museum and art gallery located in the private home of acclaimed artist Ilana Goor. Well known for her unusual designs of tableware and furniture, she has renovated a beautiful old building in the Artists Quarter.

Enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel before being transferred to the airport for your flights home, arriving back in the USA next day. (B,D)

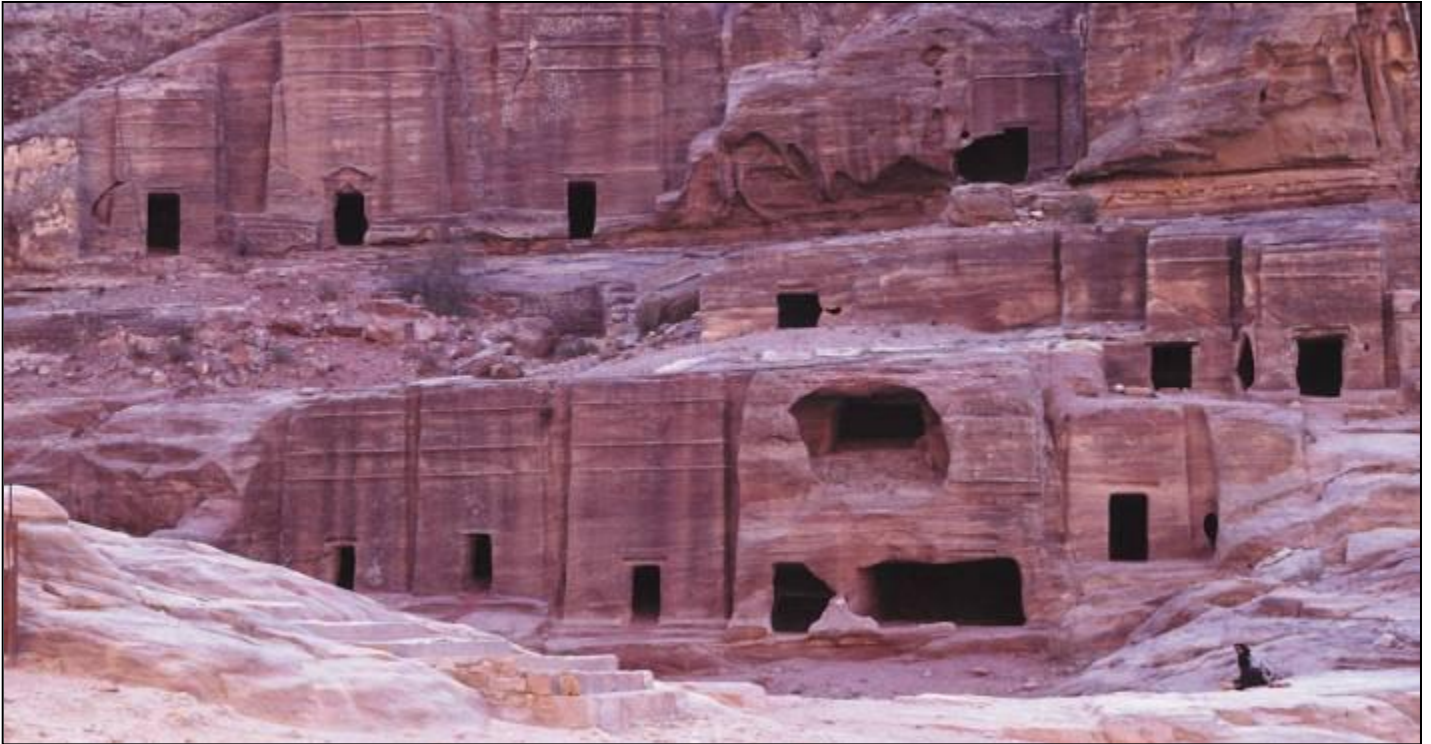


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## OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO JORDAN

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### **DAY 12 ~ FRIDAY ~ MAY 25**

#### **TEL AVIV**

After your farewell dinner at the gourmet restaurant Cordelia, bid farewell to the rest of the group departing for the USA enjoy some leisure time in Tel Aviv and prepare for your next adventure.

Overnight at DAN HOTEL TEL AVIV. (B,D)

### **DAY 13 ~ SATURDAY ~ MAY 26**

#### **PETRA**

Drive to Allenby Bridge where you cross into Jordan, continuing to Petra where you will stay for two nights. Your 183 room luxury hotel is located at the entrance to Petra site. Boasting authentic antiques, artwork and fine gold inlay, it is one of the most notable hotels in the Middle East and a recipient of the Aga Khan award for outstanding Islamic architecture.

Overnight at the PETRA MOEVENPICK HOTEL. (B) [www.moevenpick-hotels.com/hotels/petra\\_resort/](http://www.moevenpick-hotels.com/hotels/petra_resort/)

### **DAY 14 ~ SUNDAY ~ MAY 27**

#### **PETRA**

Depart for a full day tour of Petra, the soul stirring, rose-red city and Jordanian national treasure, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Petra was an ancient Nabataean capital settled by industrious Arab traders more than 2,000 years ago. Petra's unique location enabled the Nabataeans to dominate the ancient Arabian trade routes, and the city became wealthy from the tolls it levied on the caravans that sheltered there with their precious cargoes of spices, silks, ivory and animal hides. In the ancient world, Petra was renowned for its refined culture, massive architecture, and ingenious system of dams and water channels. In the years following the Emperor Trajan's annexation of Petra, the city declined and slipped into obscurity until it was "discovered" in 1812 by a Swiss traveler. Excavations that revealed the

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astounding workmanship and the incredible ruins at Petra did not begin until 1924. Ongoing excavations continue to reveal more information about the Nabataean Kingdom.



Petra still forms part of the domain of the Bedouin. You will see them with their horses and camels as you begin your unforgettable trip into this cultural landmark. After passing tombs outside the city, you come to the "Siq," an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone almost one half mile long. This winding fissure separates overhanging cliffs that appear to meet 300 feet overhead. Near the end of the passage, the Siq makes one last turn and out of the gloom Petra's most impressive monument Al Khazneh (The Treasury) appears in the sunlight. One of the most elegant remains of antiquity, Al Khazneh is nearly 140 feet high and was carved from the mountain's solid rock in the First Century B.C. Originally used as a Nabataean king's tomb, Al Khazneh was later used as a Nabataean temple. Film buffs will recognize it from its starring role in the final

scenes of the movie *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*.

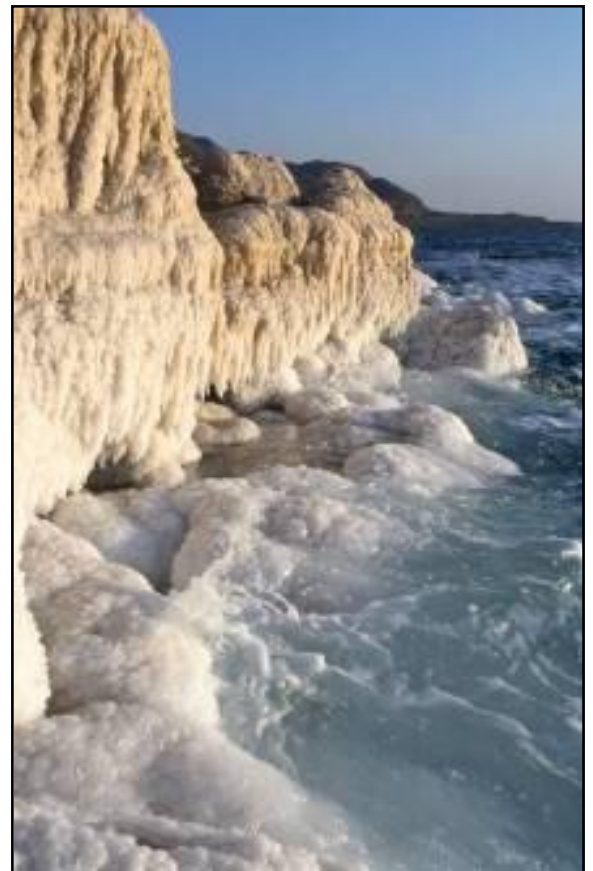
Beyond Al Khazneh you are surrounded by hundreds of Petra's sculpted structures, soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a Roman amphitheater (seating 3,000) large and small houses, burial chambers, banquet halls, water channels and reservoirs, baths, monumental staircases, cultic installations, markets, arched gates, public buildings and paved streets - it's quite overwhelming! This afternoon return to your hotel in Petra. You will want to visit the nearby shop where you can buy the fine traditional crafts of the Queen Noor project. Overnight at the PETRA MOEVENPICK HOTEL. (B,L,D)

## DAY 15 ~ MONDAY ~ MAY 28

### DEAD SEA

Follow the Araba Valley Road to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, lying some 1,300 feet below sea level. Float in the salty waters of this historical site and enjoy the wonderful facilities of your hotel and world class spa. You may want to take a trip to the tip of the Dead Sea to Lot's Cave, an ancient cave believed to be used as a sanctuary by Lot and his daughters after the destruction of Sodom. The site, marked on the Madaba map of Palestine, was just recently discovered. Artifacts from 3000 BC have been found here. This is a hot and arid place filled with extraordinary geological formations. Enjoy the tranquility of your resort and its natural resources. Float in the saltiest sea in the world while the ozone-rich air fills your lungs and sunshine warms your skin. Reminisce about all you have seen and experienced at tonight's farewell dinner. Overnight at the MOEVENPICK DEAD SEA RESORT. (B,D)

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**DAY 16 ~ TUESDAY ~ MAY 29**

**JERASH**

Drive to Jerash, one of the best-preserved examples of Roman civilization in the world. Jerash, part of the Decapolis, has been called the “Pompeii of the East” for its unique state of preservation. The city features theaters, churches, temples (Zeus and Artemis), a Nymphaeum and colonnaded streets. Proceed to the Saracen castle at Ajlun, a 12th-century castle built by Saladin in his successful campaign to drive the Crusaders from Jordan in 1189, and an outstanding example of Arab and Islamic military architecture.

Overnight at the MOVENPICK DEAD SEA RESORT. (B,L,D)

**DAY 17/18 ~ WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY ~ MAY 30/31**

**AMMAN/SAN FRANCISCO OR LOS ANGELES**

A day to rest and laze at the Dead Sea before your transfer to Amman this evening for your overnight flights home. (B, Meals Aloft)



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## INCLUSIONS

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- Superior accommodations as indicated.
- All meals as specified in the itinerary.
- Complimentary bottled water throughout.
- Deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach throughout.
- An enrichment lecturer with 15 travelers on the main program and 10 on the extension.
- Services of a highly-trained English-speaking guide.
- Private visits to homes and museums as indicated in itinerary.
- All applicable hotel tips and taxes, plus gratuities for baggage handling.
- All entry fees to visited monuments.
- Complimentary passport wallet and baggage tags.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Roundtrip air transportation from Los Angeles or San Francisco to Tel Aviv including departure taxes (quoted separately.)
- Cost of passport.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals other than specified and all beverages.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants.
- Personal, trip cancellation, accident and baggage insurance.
- Any cost not specifically included in the listing above.
- US International Departure Tax/Customs Fees/Security Charge.
- Optional insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low cost group rates.

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## CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

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In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included environmental education efforts in India and Bhutan, wild dog and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya and Namibia, and global Earth Day education via school internet programs. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

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## YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

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**INCLUDING:** JERUSALEM, CITY OF DAVID, MOUNT ZION, TEMPLE MOUNT, MOUNT HERTZL, BETHLEHEM, MASSADA, DEAD SEA, EIN GEDI NATURE RESERVE, CAPERNAUM, TABGHA, EIN GEV, SAFED, HAIFA, NAZARETH, CAESAREA AND TEL AVIV

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:** UC SB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**ESCORTED BY:** AN ENRICHMENT LECTURER WITH 15 TRAVELERS

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<b><u>COSTS:</u></b> PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN TOUR	JORDAN EXTENSION
LAND ONLY COST	\$4,595 PER PERSON	\$2,395 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	\$1,695 PER PERSON	\$995 PER PERSON
ESTIMATED AIRFARE FROM LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO INCLUDING DEPARTURE TAXES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	\$2,400 PER PERSON	N/A
AMMAN ADD-ON (IF PURCHASING CLASSIC ESCAPES AIRFARE)	N/A	\$425 PER PERSON

**DEPARTURE CITY:** SAN FRANCISCO OR LOS ANGELES  
(OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)



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## CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Gaucho Getaways, UCSB Alumni Association, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-1120 together with a deposit of \$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 per person for the extension. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your trip. When we send off your confirmation invoice and insurance information, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due not later than 95 days prior to departure (February 9, 2012). Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

**OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Roundtrip economy-class jet transportation from San Francisco or Los Angeles via El Al and/or other IATAN carriers. Rates based on special promotional fares and cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost. Kindly inquire at the time of reservation.

**DEPARTURE TAXES:** Please note the amount of departure tax reflected on the Reservation Form is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** For El Al, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and not guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire during check-in to have a seating change made, however this change is based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** At time of publication, El Al is partners with AeroMexico, Czech Airlines, South African Airlines, Qantas, Sun D'Or, Iberia, Swiss and S7 Airlines. Take off with miles anytime you fly one of these airline partners. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight.

**BAGGAGE:** International flights from the U.S. allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 lbs. However we recommend you travel as light as you can manage. Also, the size and the structure of the bag is limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal. Large suitcases are virtually impossible to stow on smaller aircraft and vehicles and therefore should not be used. **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY.**

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private facilities, and all rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but kingsize beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions can change for similar lodging.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** Rate quoted is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms, additional supplement will apply. Singles are assigned on a first come/first serve basis. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**MEALS:** No meals are provided in Europe. All meals on trip, breakfast daily, and all other meals as specified above.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip transfer of travelers between airports and hotels are included in the tour when arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, lodges and tented camps, and entrance fees to all wildlife reserves as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are not included and will be billed prior to your departure. Tips to driver/guides are not included and at the discretion of tour participants.

**INOCULATIONS:** No inoculations are required.

**RATES:** All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of March 31, 2011 and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 15 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 40 passengers, including escorts). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. The minimum on the extension is 10 passengers. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc.

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**ESCORT:** Group will be accompanied by a Cal Aggie enrichment lecturer with a minimum of 15 passengers on the main program and 10 on the extension.

**TRIP INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

**INVOICING:** Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately four months prior to departure. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure (February 9, 2012).

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure. We regret to advise that no documents can be released if final payments are not received.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** A deposit of \$750 per person must be submitted with each application, plus an additional deposit of \$250 per person if you wish to take the extension. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, Mastercard, Visa or Discover. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY and is due no later than 95 days prior to departure (February 9, 2012) and must be sent to Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Boulevard, Woodside, NY 11377.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations are only effective upon receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this trip:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250.00 handling fee.
- 94-75 days prior to departure, less \$500, plus \$250 for the extension
- 74-60 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost on both the main trip and the extension.
- Less than 60 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM. INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.**

**DEVIATIONS:** Should additional reservations be required, including extensions in Europe, we will happy to make all the arrangements. However, there will be an extra charge of \$150 per person for such deviations, over and above the cost of the services required.

**CHANGE FEES:** Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; meals other than specified; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; laundry and other items of a personal nature; gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; U.S. and foreign airport taxes; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. The company, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor the cost of visas.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the trip by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and camps on trips as dictated by changing conditions. Such

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conditions may be brought about by seasonal rainfall on bush tracks, airfields and in wildlife areas, by wildlife migrations from one region to another, or airline or other booking problems, etc.

**REFUNDS:** While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running on schedule.

If one of our guides is unable to take a trip due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the trip takes place. Classic Escapes acts merely as an agent for the operating companies.

To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a trip constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this trip, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Israel. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependants or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover. **USCB Alumni Association** offers a comprehensive package and will forward an application up receipt of your reservation form.

**STATEMENT OF PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:** To enjoy your USCB Gaucho Getaways experience, Participants must be in good health, and be able to keep up with the pace of the group. Program Participants requiring assistance must be accompanied by someone who can and will provide all required assistance. Please call the Association to discuss any special accommodations of which you may need no less than 100 days (February 4, 2012) prior to departure.



**RESERVATION FORM:** (Please Print)

**USCB Alumni Association ~ Israel**

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 Per Person, plus \$250 for the extension) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Heritage and the Hope ~ Israel trip departing on May 14, 2012. Cost is \$4,595 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Los Angeles or San Francisco is \$2,400 including departure taxes. (As of March 31, 2011 - subject to change)

Final payment due date is: February 9, 2012

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES OR Charge deposit to:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover (Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to USCB Alumni Association via mail or fax to (805) 893-4918)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:  ONE  TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if USCB Alumni Association or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement. I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:  
 \$1,695 for the main trip  \$995 for Jordan post-extension
- I/We wish to participate in the optional excursion(s) at an additional per person cost of:  
 \$2,395 for Jordan post-extension

- Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from Los Angeles or San Francisco via El Al.
  - Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: \_\_\_\_\_ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.
  - Please send me information on air upgrades for:  Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)  
 Airline Seating Preference  Aisle  Window Frequent Flier # \_\_\_\_\_
- \*\*We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.*
- I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

Association Membership Policy: Gaucho Getaways are open to all UCSB alumni, their family and friends of the University. All participants, whether UCSB alumni or not, must be a current member of the UCSB Alumni Association, UCSB Affiliates, UCSB Support Group, or a member of another UC Alumni Association to participate in a Gaucho Getaways. A member may bring their spouse and children under 16 years of age on a trip, or a member may bring one guest on a trip in lieu of a spouse and children.

I am not a member of the UCSB Alumni Association or any of the above groups. Enclosed is my \$75 membership payable to UCSB Alumni Association.

Charge my membership to  Visa  Mastercard OR  Separate check to UCSB Alumni Association (Gaucho Getaways, UCSB Alumni Association, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-1120)

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I/WE HAVE READ THE GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION OF THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)



**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION**

*Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.*

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of transaction \_\_\_\_\_

Services rendered/Items purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of March 31, 2011, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the following schedule:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250.00 handling fee.
- 94-80 days prior to departure, less \$750.00, plus \$250 for the extension.
- 79-65 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost on both the main trip and the extensions.
- Less than 65 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.
- These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.