

Christmas

IN BETHELEHEM

ELEVEN DAY JORDAN & ISRAEL TOUR

18th Dec - 28th Dec 2023



GROUP ACCOMPANIED BY DR DHANAN SENATHIRAJAH

Dr. Dhanan Senathirajah has 40 years of experience as an expository Bible teacher and preacher both in Sri Lanka and overseas. He is a member of the International Faculty of the Haggai Institute. He has published numerous books/audio books on Christianity and Law. His other passions are history and Geography. He has accompanied many pilgrim groups to the Holy Land as a Bible teacher since 2010. He has also led many Bible teaching tours to Turkey and Greece titled "The Seven Churches of Revelation and the Isle of Patmos; In the footsteps of Paul". Dr. Dhanan Senathirajah will be responsible for Bible teaching and spiritual leadership on this tour



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TOUR DETAILS

COLOMBO – AMMAN - PETRA

(L / D)

Day 01 Welcome to your “**Special Jetwing Christmas in Bethlehem Holy Land Tour**”

18 Dec 2023 Departure from Bandaranaike International Airport.

Monday **Colombo Sri Lanka**

The group will be led by the spiritual leader Dr. Dhanan Senathirajah

Arrive in Queen Alia International airport **Amman, Jordan**.
Complete immigration formalities and meet your local guide in Jordan.

Drive to **Petra** and check in to the hotel. The rest of the day at leisure to rest.
Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel in **Petra, Jordan**.

Overnight stay

PETRA – AMMAN

(B / L / D)

Day 02 After Breakfast drive to the ancient site of **Petra**.

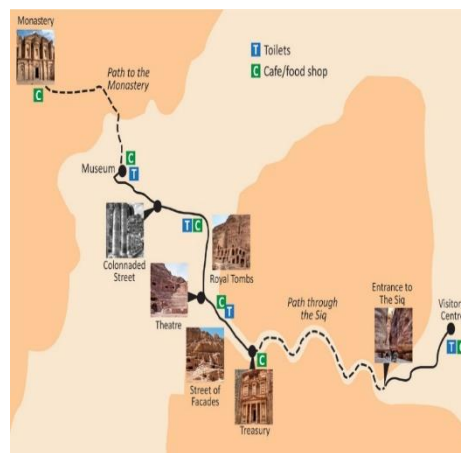
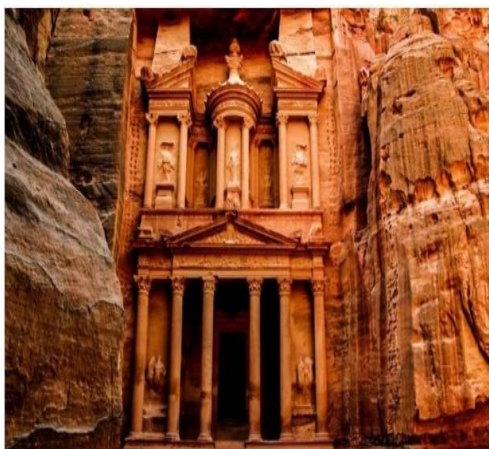
19 Dec 2023 **Petra** is a famous archaeological site in Jordan's southwestern desert. Dating to around 300 B.C., it was the capital of the Nabatean Kingdom. Accessed via a narrow canyon called Al Siq, it contains tombs and temples carved into pink sandstone cliffs, earning its nickname, the "Rose City." Perhaps its most famous structure is 45m-high Al Khazneh, a temple with an ornate, Greek-style facade, and known as The Treasury.

Tuesday

Lunch included. Afterwards drive to the hotel in **Amman**.

Overnight stay

Overnight and Dinner at the hotel in **Amman, Jordan**.



AMMAN – MADABA – MT NEBO – NAZARETH**(B / L / D)**

Day 03	After Breakfast at the hotel drive to Madaba.
20 Dec 2023	Madaba is an ancient town in Jordan, southwest of the capital Amman. It's known for its 6 th Century A.D., mosaic map of the Holy Land in the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George. The Madaba Archaeological Park preserves the mosaic-rich Church of the Virgin Mary and artifacts from the Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine and Islamic eras.
Wednesday	
	Lunch in a local restaurant.
	Drive to Mount Nebo .
	Mount Nebo is an elevated ridge located in Jordan, approximately 710 metres above sea level. Part of the Abarim mountain range, Mount Nebo is mentioned in the Bible as the place where Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land just before his death.
	Border crossing to Israel .
Overnight stay	Nazareth, Israel

MOUNT TABOR – CANA – NAZARETH**(B / L / D)**

Day 04	Breakfast at the Hotel.
21 Dec 2023	This morning visit the Nazareth Village . Half day tour enjoying the village of biblical times.
Thursday	Visit Mount Tabor – the Mount of Transfiguration - ascend the mount.
	Lunch en-route at a restaurant.
	Visit the Church of Annunciation (where the angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary) and the Church of St. Joseph (where St. Joseph had his carpentry shop) then proceed to Cana of Galilee (The first miracle of turning water into wine).
	Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight stay.
Overnight stay	Nazareth, Israel

GALILEE – CAESAREA PHILIPPI – NAZARETH**(B / L / D)**

Day 05	Breakfast at the hotel
22 Dec 2023	This morning drive from Nazareth to Baniyas to visit Caesarea Philippi , an ancient Roman city located at the south western base of Mount Hermon.
Friday	<p>The place where Peter gave his confession of Jesus. Drive to the Yardenit Baptismal site, where you have the opportunity to renew your baptismal vows at the Jordan river. Drive through Tiberius and then take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee (as taken by Jesus and his disciples) proceed to the shores of the Sea of Galilee.</p> <p>Lunch en-route at a restaurant.</p> <p>Visit Capernaum (second home of Jesus), see the ancient Synagogue and the site of St Peter's House. Visit the Church of the Primacy, the Church of Multiplication (the place where Jesus blessed the fishes and the loaves) and the Mount of Beatitudes (the venue of Jesus' sermon on the Mount)</p>
Overnight stay	Nazareth, Israel

TEL AVIV - CAESAREA – HAIFA – BETHLEHEM**(B / L / D)**

Day 06	Breakfast at the hotel
23 Dec 2023	This morning drive through Tel Aviv , the commercial capital of Israel.
Saturday	<p>Proceed to Jaffa the place where Peter raised Tabitha, one of the disciples, from the dead according to the Acts of the Apostles. Visit St. Peter's Church and the House of Simon the Tanner.</p> <p>Drive to Caesarea Maritima. Visit the Roman Theatre built by Herod the Great and the remains of the Roman Aqueduct which provided water to the city of Caesarea.</p> <p>Then proceed to Haifa the third largest city of Israel, the home of the Israeli Navy signifying the beautiful coast as it rises in splendour from the sea.</p> <p>Lunch en-route at a restaurant. Visit Mount Carmel Stella Maris, the cave of Elijah the Prophet. Short stop at the Bahai Hanging Gardens of Haifa.</p>
Overnight stay	Arrive at the Hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight stay

JERICHO – BETHLEHEM**(B / L / D)**

Day 07

Breakfast at the hotel.

24 Dec 2023**Sunday**

This morning drive along the shores of the **Dead Sea** to **Masada**. Explore Masada by cable car, view the ancient excavation of Herod the Great's palaces, bathhouse, storerooms, storerooms, the ramp built by the Romans, and a synagogue.

Visit **Qumran** where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Proceed to **Ein Gedi** the place where David fled and hid from Saul even as he sought to kill him.

Lunch at a Restaurant.

Visit the Dead Sea, the lowest place in the world and the saltiest sea. So dense you do not sink but float on the surface. Enjoy a dip in the Dead Sea which is one of the best experiences of the tour.

Drive to Jericho to view **Mount of Temptation**. Pass by the Inn of the Good Samaritan. Proceed to view the **Sycamore Tree** which Zaccheus the tax collector climbed in order to see Jesus while he was passing this area.

Return to the hotel.

Christmas Midnight Service – St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem

Overnight stay**Bethlehem, Israel**

CHRISTMAS DAY - EIN KEREM - HOLOCAUST MUSEUM -YAD VASHEM**(B / L / D)**

Day 08

Breakfast at the hotel

25 Dec 2023**Monday**

Free morning in Bethlehem to enjoy the Christmas celebrations.

Enjoy the parades and celebrations at the Manger Square in Bethlehem.

Special Christmas lunch in **Jerusalem**

Free time in the **Old city Jaffa Gate** area for shopping and own exploration.

Visit the **Holocaust Museum** also known as **Yad Vashem** the holocaust martyrs and heroes' remembrance authority established in 1953. Visit the **Israel Museum** to see the **model of the second temple**.

Ein Kerem is a charming hillside village famed for its centuries-old holy sites. These include the Church of St. John the Baptist, containing a cave said to be his birthplace, and Mary's Spring, from which the Virgin Mary is believed to have drunk water.

Return to the hotel.

Overnight stay**Bethlehem, Israel**

JERUSALEM – BETHLEHEM**(B / L / D)**

Day 09	Breakfast at the hotel.
26 Dec 2023	Visit the Western Wall (the Wailing Wall, which is the most sacred place for the Jewish people), the Golden Gate (as tradition says, where Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday). Visit the Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock . Walk to the Pool of Siloam where Jesus sent the blind man to wash after he had covered his eyes with a mixture of clay and spittle. Visit the Hezekiah's tunnel , a tunnel built underneath the City of David in Jerusalem prepared by King Hezekiah for an impending siege by the Assyrians.
Tuesday	Lunch en route at a Restaurant. Church of the Nativity (birthplace of Jesus Christ) and The Shepherds' Field Chapel or the Sanctuary of the Gloria in Excelsis Deo, which is a Roman Catholic religious building in the area of Beit Sahour , southeast of Bethlehem .
Overnight stay	Optional Tour - The Sound and Light show at David's Citadel Return to the hotel in Bethlehem, Israel .

JERUSALEM – BETHANY**(B / L / D)**

Day 10	Breakfast at the hotel.
27 Dec 2023	Enter the old city of Jerusalem through St Stephen's Gate (where St. Stephen was stoned). Visit the Pool of Bethesda (where the crippled man was healed after 38 years).
Wednesday	Visit the Church of St. Anne . Later walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) with stops at every station. Then visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Mt. Calvary & Golgotha . Lunch at a Restaurant. Walk to Mount Zion , proceed to the Upper Room and the Domitian Abbey . Drive to Mt of Olives and visit the Church of the Ascension of Jesus; this is the place where Jesus is believed to have ascended to heaven. Walk on the Palm Sunday route to the Pater Noster Church (Church of Our Lord's Prayer) and the Chapel of Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem . Visit the Church of Agony, Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations (Church of Gethsemane). Proceed to Church of St Peter in Gallicantu (the place where Peter wept when the cock crowed for the third time marking his denial of Jesus Christ). Thereafter, visit the Dungeon where, as tradition says, Jesus was kept before he was taken to trial. Visit the Garden Tomb or Gordon's Calvary. Communion service Drive to Bethany to visit the House of Mary and Martha and the tomb of Lazarus .
Overnight stay	Bethlehem, Israel

Day 11 Breakfast at the hotel in Nazareth.
28 Dec 2023 Proceed to the Israel border and cross over to **Jordan**.
Thursday Lunch at the Restaurant
 Drive to the airport for the departure flight to **your home country**.
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Christian Tour of the Holy Land Dec 2023				
Israel & Jordan - 11 days / 10 Nights - Pricing				
Hotels --->			3/4 Stars	3/4 Stars
Option 1 - Ground Handling costs (No flight costs between Colombo (Sri Lanka) & Amman (Jordan))				
Tour Sector - Adult Twinshare	Dates	Nights	** Price AUD	Price USD
A) Jordan / Petra Tour	18th & 19th Dec	1	415.00	250.00
B) Jordan / Israel Tour	19th - 28th Dec	9	4,375.00	2,650.00
A + B Total Costs - Option 1		10	4,790.00	2,900.00
Child sharing with parents	Age 2 to 11 years	10	3,000.00	2,050.00
Infant sharing with parents	Age below 2 years	10	1,000.00	600.00
Single Room Supplement		10	1,050.00	600.00
Additional accommodation in Amman per person / night			290.00	175.00
<i>** Special earlybird discount per pax may be applied for those settling in AUD and via EFT. This offer is valid subject to exchange rate fluctuations (AUD/USD)</i>				
Hotels --->			3/4 Stars	3/4 Stars
Option 2 (Includes flight costs between Colombo (Sri Lanka) & Amman (Jordan) on Qatar Airways)				
Tour Sector - Adults Twinshare	Dates	Nights	** Cost AUD	Cost USD
A) Jordan / Petra Tour	18th & 19th Dec	1	415.00	250.00
B) Jordan & Israel Tour	19th - 28th Dec	9	5,350.00	3,250.00
A + B Total costs - Option 2		10	5,765.00	3,500.00
Child sharing with parents	Age 2 to 11 years	10	4,400.00	2,650.00
Infant sharing with parents	Age below 2 years	10	1,500.00	900.00
Single Room Supplement		10	1,050.00	600.00
<i>** Special earlybird discount per pax may be applied for those settling in AUD and via EFT. This offer is valid subject to exchange rate fluctuations (AUD/USD)</i>				

[Booking form](#) (Please click on this link to view and complete the online booking form)

[Google Location Map for Dec 2023 Tour](#)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TOUR RATES

Tour rates (refer the table on page 7) have been computed based on current exchange rates, negotiated airline rates as well as other factors and summarised below under 2 options: -

Option 1 – for passengers who make their own flight arrangements to Amman, airport handling and join the tour group, we recommend passengers to arrive in Amman at least a day before to avoid any unexpected delays with their connecting flights.

Option 2 – for Passengers who prefer to travel via Colombo Sri Lanka and join the tour group departing from Colombo, SOBI can also assist with organising airport transfers, hotel bookings or additional stopover holidays in Sri Lanka and or the Maldives.

- * An advance payment of AUD 2,000.00 is required to secure your booking.
- * Please note that the above prices are subject to change without prior notice.
- * Rates are as per current tariffs and are subject to change without prior notice.
- * All rates are calculated as per current rates of exchange and will be subject to change in case of any increase.
- * Airfares and reservations are always subject to change until paid in full and ticketed.
- * Cancellation charges will apply.
- * Group travelers will incur different cancellation policies, please inquire at the time of confirmation.
- * Children 11 and below a discount of 10% on airfare may be offered (refer rates table)
- * Until final confirmation given 15 days before departure, Jetwing holds the right to cancel any departure due following reasons. In case of such cancellation, the advance payment made by you will be fully refunded. In the event you have obtained your visa for this tour the visa fees will not be refunded.
 - If the number doesn't reach the Minimum Group Strength.
 - Due to any unavoidable circumstances
 - Due natural disasters, or similar circumstances that are beyond our control

INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE RATES:

- * Economy Class Return Air Fare from Colombo to Amman (applicable only for Option 2)
- * Accommodation 3 / 4 Star hotels in Petra, Amman, Bethlehem, and Nazareth.
- * Breakfast & Dinner at hotels as booked and lunch in good restaurants in Jordan and Israel
- * Arrival / Departures/Transfers in Israel and Jordan by Deluxe A/C Coach
- * Sightseeing will be by deluxe A/C coach in Israel and Jordan
- * English speaking guide/Spiritual Leader throughout the tour
- * Tips for Driver/ Guide/Airport Representative/ Hotel Staff/ Receptionist etc.
- * 1L bottle of mineral water per day throughout the tour.
- * Entry fees for various attractions and sites as per this itinerary.
- * Headphones on tour
- * Visa / entry permit fees for Jordan and Israel

NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE RATES

- * **Travel insurance with covid 19 Cover** – Please hold a valid travel insurance policy (Compulsory)
- * Transportation to / from Colombo Airport or any other airports in AU / NZ
- * Airport handling at Amman (Jordan) Airport for passengers arriving separately (Option 1)
- * Excess baggage charges.
- * Liquor/Laundry
- * Expenses of a personal nature
- * Any other taxes that may be implemented by either the Government of Sri Lanka or by any other including Visa formalities in Sri Lanka for option 2
- * Meals other than those mentioned in the program
- * Drinks with meals
- * Additional Tips for waiters and other staff.
- * Laundry costs
- * Visa fees for Sri Lanka for passengers travelling on option 2
- * The Tower of David (Jerusalem) – Sound & Light Night Show (Subject to availability)

PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS –

Passport should be valid for **more than 6 months from the date of departure.**

Any passengers travelling on non-Australian / New Zealand passport may require additional documentation and advance notice to process their visas. Please e-mail info@sobiconsulting.com for any further details

PAYMENT

Sobi Consulting will coordinate the entire travel bookings for clients travelling from Australia and New Zealand on behalf of **Jetwing Holidays** and partners with reputed agents in Australian capital cities who handle the flight bookings from any city to provide a packaged travel solution.

Flights can be arranged from any city in Australia and New Zealand to connect with tour groups departing from Colombo with the stop-over holidays in Sri Lanka / Maldives or join the group directly in Amman, Jordan.

An advance payment of USD 900 / AUD 1,500/-per person payable at the time of booking. Balance payment to be made in full within the agreed period set by the airlines to secure the best rates and or offer any early bird discounts.

Bank Account details for EFT - AUD Account

Name of beneficiary:- Sobi Trading & Consulting Pty Ltd
Bank :- National Australia Bank
BSB :- 083-802
Account Number :- 83-442 4758

Bank Account details for EFT - USD Account

Name of beneficiary:- Sobi Trading & Consulting Pty Ltd
Bank :- National Australia Bank
BIC / SWIFT Code :- NATAAU3303M
Account Number :- SOBITUD01

Credit card payments

The following surcharge will be applied for any payments made by credit card:

Visa and Master 1.80%
Amex: 3.5%

CONDITIONS GOVERNING VOLUNTARY CANCELLATION OF TOUR

In the event you cancel your tour, following charges will be applicable:

From the date of payment to 30th of Jun 2023 USD 500 / AUD 850.00 Per person
1st July 2023 to 31st Aug 2023 - USD 1,000 / AUD 1,650.00 Per person
1st Sep 2023 to 16th Oct 2023 - USD 2,000 / AUD 3,300.00 Per person
17th Oct 2023 to date of departure - Non-refundable

Please e-mail info@sobiconsulting.com or contact on (61) 0438 900 755 for any further details.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: It is a condition for booking with us that you take out insurance at the time of or prior to making your booking. It is the responsibility of the passengers to ensure that the insurance cover they purchase is suitable and adequate for their particular needs.

Please note that you would have a direct contractual relation with your insurer. You shall directly submit claims to your Insurance Company. The Insurance Company shall directly pay the entitlement amounts to you and any disputes regarding any rejection of claim or adequacy of settlement amount shall be settled by you directly with the Insurance Company.