



LEHIGH
ALUMNI TRAVEL

Israel & Jordan:

A Journey Through the Ages

January 25–February 7, 2009



Make your reservation by July 31, 2008 and save \$200 per couple/\$100 per person, pay in full by July 31, 2008 and save an additional \$200 per couple/\$100 per person.





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January 25–February 7, 2009—14 days, 12 nights

Join us on this journey through Israel and Jordan, lands sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims. Spend four nights in Jerusalem, tour the ruins of Caesarea and Massada that recall life in Biblical times. We'll also float on the Dead Sea, and discover modern Israel

in Tel Aviv, a rural kibbutz, and other sites that illuminate momentous developments in the country's recent history. Then cross to Jordan where we'll tour beautifully preserved Jerash and Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Arrive at Petra, a city carved in rose-hued rock which UNESCO calls one of the most precious cultural properties of our common heritage.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip international air transportation and private airport-hotel transfers (if purchasing trip with airfare)
- 10 nights at 4- and 5-star hotels; 2 nights at 3-star kibbutz guest house
- Meals as listed in the itinerary (35 meals: 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners)
- Program of guided tours and site visits as listed in the itinerary
- All transportation within the itinerary
- Services of a Cross-Culture guide throughout the trip
- Complete pre-departure materials with detailed daily itineraries, reading lists, background information, packing suggestions and weather information
- Baggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities to local guides, food service staff, hotel staff and porters

Average temperature ranges for Israel and Jordan in February:

Average high (in degrees Fahrenheit) 55 Jerusalem / 59 Petra
Average low (in degrees Fahrenheit) 41 Jerusalem / 37 Petra
Average precipitation (in inches) 3.7 Jerusalem / 0.1 Petra



Sunday, January 25

DEPARTURE

Leave the U.S. on your overseas flight to Tel Aviv.

Monday, January 26

TEL AVIV

Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport near Tel Aviv, where you will be met and accompanied to the 5-star Crowne Plaza Hotel. After unpacking and resting a bit, join a guided walking tour of Jaffa, one of the world's oldest cities. *D*

Tuesday, January 27

TEL AVIV

After an Israeli breakfast, take a short city tour of Tel Aviv,* founded in 1909 and developed as a metropolitan city under the British Mandate in Palestine. Visit Rabin Square, Independence Hall, and the Ayalon Institute, a site that presents the story of a secret factory built under a limestone hill for manufacturing ammunition. Enjoy dinner at the hotel and then return to a part of the city where you may visit some of the contemporary art galleries or the city's lively club scene. *B/L/D*

Wednesday, January 28

CAESAREA • DRUZE VILLAGE • AKKO • SEA OF GALILEE

View ruins of Rome, Byzantium and the Crusades on the drive through the Sharon Plains to Caesarea, the seat of the Roman Procurator of Judea in the time of Jesus. Lunch will be served in a Druze village on Mount Carmel, where we'll hear about the connection between the Druze people and the State of Israel. End the day with a stop in the city of Acre (Akko) to visit the Crusader Halls and Akko Prison, whose gallows were a hanging site during the British Mandate. Spend the evening at the Kibbutz Lavi Guest House, an Orthodox Jewish kibbutz. *B/L/D*

Thursday, January 29

GOLAN HEIGHTS • MT. BENTAL • BACHA VALLEY

After breakfast, take a short walking tour of the kibbutz to learn about this unique aspect of Israeli life. Drive to Mount Beatitude, a site revered by Christians, where you have a view of Capernaum and Tabgah, considered the place of the miracle of loaves and fishes. Visit Dan Nature Reservation to discuss the water issues facing Israel and the surrounding areas, and see the recently excavated Israeli Gate. Continue to Mt. Bental for

a panoramic view of the Golan Heights, and hear the story of the battle that took place nearby during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Spend the evening at the Kibbutz Lavi Guest House. *B/L/D*

Friday, January 30

MASSADA • DEAD SEA • JERUSALEM

Ascend by cable car to Massada, the site of King Herod's desert mountain palace and scene of the zealots' last stand against the Roman Legion. Explore the excavation of Herod's palaces, one of the oldest

synagogues in the world, and Massada's new Archaeological Museum. Continue to a Dead Sea resort hotel for floating on the Dead Sea and lunch; then drive to Jerusalem for your first view of the "City of Gold," dinner, and an evening at the lovely modern Inbal Hotel. *B/L/D*

Saturday, January 31

JERUSALEM

Enjoy a full day of sightseeing in Jerusalem. Begin by ascending the Mount of Olives for a beautiful view of the Old City. Then visit the archaeological site, the computer reconstruction of the Temple at the Davidson Center, and the Shrine of the Book before driving to Yad Vashem for a tour of the Holocaust Museum. Tonight you will have the





option of dining with a host family before returning to the Inbal Hotel. *B/L/D*

Sunday, February 1

JERUSALEM

After breakfast drive to Mt. Moriah to visit the Western Wall, the last remnant of the second Jewish Temple which stood there in the days of Jesus. Walk up to the Temple Palace and see the area of the Dome of the Rock and the El Aqza Mosque. Then take a walk through the Arab and Christian Quarters to visit the Church of Holy Sepulchre. From there, we will go to the Jewish Quarter and visit the Jewish Quarter Museum. End the day with a visit to Ammunition Hill, the site of one of the most crucial battles of the Six-Day War. *B/L/D*

Monday, February 2

EN-KAREM • LATRUM

Travel to Ella Valley in En-Karem to visit the Bet-Jamal Monastery where you will meet with one of the nuns to learn about their daily life. Visit Tavlin, one of Israel's most famous modern herb farms. Then raise a glass (or sample several glasses) at Flam Winery in the Eshtaol Valley. This boutique winery, which opened five years

ago, has won worldwide recognition for its Cabernet Sauvignon. Spend the rest of the day at leisure with the option of visiting the Rockefeller Archaeological Museum. Overnight at the Inbal Hotel. *B/L/D*

Tuesday, February 3

ARRIVE JORDAN • JERASH

Cross Sheikh Hussein Bridge to Jordan, where your guide will help you through the visa and immigration process. Travel by private bus to Jerash, stopping for lunch along the way. Enjoy a guided city tour of ancient Jerash, a well-watered site in the hills of Gilead that is remarkable for its long chain of human occupation. Remains from Neolithic times have been found there as well as artifacts of Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Umayyad and other cultures. It is considered one of the best-preserved province cities of the Roman Empire. Spend the evening in your hotel in Amman. *B/L/D*

Wednesday, February 4

MADABA • NEBO • KERAK • PETRA

After breakfast, travel along the Kings' Highway, one of the oldest trade routes in the world. Stop at the Byzantine Church of Mt. Nebo, to see the



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Church of Moses, built by the first Christians. This mountain has been a holy place and a pilgrimage destination since the very beginnings of Christianity. Like Moses, you can have an awe-inspiring view over the expanse of Jordan, the Dead Sea and Israel.

We'll continue to Madaba, the "City of Mosaics," perched on an archaeological site with more than 4,000 years of history buried beneath it. St. George's Church houses the world-famous mosaic floor depicting the map of Palestine. In the center is a detailed map of Jerusalem during the sixth century A.D. From Madaba we will continue to Kerak to explore Kerak Castle, famous for its crusader fortress in the centre of underground galleries, rooms and secret passageways. We will arrive at our hotel in Petra and gather for a buffet dinner at the hotel. *B/L/D*

Thursday, February 5

PETRA

Enjoy a full day excursion to Petra, described by UNESCO as "one of the most precious cultural properties of man's cultural heritage." Enter the site on horseback; then continue on foot for the rest of your visit. The ancient city of Petra was built from 800 B.C. to 100 A.D. by Nabatean Arabs, and in its vast area there are over 800 monuments. We will devote the day to viewing and learning about the highlights of this unforgettable rose-red city. Then at the renowned Petra Kitchen you'll prepare your evening meal of regional specialties, working together with



local women under the supervision of an experienced chef. *B/L/D*

Friday, February 6

PETRA • DEAD SEA • AMMA

Today you have the opportunity to visit a Bedouin family at Petra and share some local coffee or tea with them before departing for the Dead Sea. At 400 meters below sea level, the Dead Sea is the lowest place on earth. Ever since the days of Herod the Great, people have flocked there in search of the water's curative powers. The dark mud on the shores has long been used for therapeutic purposes, and the water, with the highest content of minerals and salts in the world, possesses anti-inflammatory properties. In the evening we will enjoy a traditional Arabic dinner before returning to the hotel in Amman. *B/L/D*

Saturday, February 7

RETURN TO U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to Queen Alia International Airport for your return flight to the United States. *B*

ACCOMMODATIONS LIST: ISRAEL AND JORDAN: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE AGES

DAY	ACCOMMODATIONS	RATING
2-3	Crowne Plaza Hotel	4-star
4-5	Kibbutz Lavi Guest House	3-star equivalent
6-9	Inbal Hotel	5-star
10	Le Meridien	5-star
11-12	Petra Moevenpick	5-star
13	Le Meridien	5-star



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Land Only		Tour Code: LUIJ20090125		
Date	Per person	EBS 31-Jul-08	EPS 31-Jul-08	Total savings
25-Jan-09	\$4,295	\$100	\$100	\$200

Airfare and Land from Philadelphia*				
Date	Per person	EBS 31-Jul-08	EPS 31-Jul-08	Total savings
25-Jan-09	\$4,995	\$100	\$100	\$200

EBS—Early Booking Savings applies for reservations confirmed by July 31, 2008

EPS—Early Booking Savings applies for reservations confirmed and paid in full by July 31, 2008

Single Supplement: \$1,095

*Airfare available for other cities
—please call for details:

Economy Plus upgrade from: \$1,995

Business Class upgrade from: \$4,995

First Class upgrade from: \$7,995

Airline ticket taxes, fuel surcharges and governmental fees, subject to change, of approx. \$495 will be invoiced separately.

For reservations and information,
please call 610-758-4682

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of the \$500 deposit per person represents your agreement with the following Terms and Conditions.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE: Round trip airfare from your hometown to the designated group airport; passport and visa fees; airline and government taxes, fees and surcharges; personal expenses such as communication charges; laundry, beverages, snacks, coffee breaks, excess baggage charges, and any expenses which you personally incur; transfers outside of our recommended arrival and departure times; travel and health insurance; gratuities to your Cross-Culture guide and the coach driver and attendant (all of which is at your discretion); optional sightseeing/performances.

CANCELLATION, REFUNDS & CHANGES: If you find you must cancel your trip, you must send us written notice of your cancellation, by mail, e-mail, or fax. All refunds are based on the date the written notice is received in our office. No partial refunds allowed. Refunds are based on the following schedule: 95 days or more before departure: \$250 charge; 94–61 days before departure: 50% of the program price (either tour, with or without airfare); 60 days or fewer: 100% of the program price (either tour, with or without airfare).

RESPONSIBILITY: The liability of the Lehigh University Alumni Association, and Cross-Culture, LLC (d/b/a Cross-Culture Journeys), as tour operator, is strictly limited. The Lehigh University Alumni Association and Cross-Culture, LLC and their representatives act only as agents for the suppliers of services named in your brochure or itinerary. We do not assume any liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay to any person or property because of any act, failure to act, or default on the part of any of the suppliers, or any other person beyond our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. We will make every effort to operate our tours as described and planned. However, we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If we must change your hotel, we will select accommodations of the same or better quality. Participants who make their own travel arrangements are solely responsible for fees/charges incurred with these arrangements should this tour be cancelled or changed.

PLEASE NOTE: This program is open to all alumni and friends of the LUAA. Minimum participant requirement to operate: 15 for the base program.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Cross Culture Journeys (CCJ) or the Lehigh University Alumni Association (LUAA) reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any participant should such person's health or deportment impede the operation of the trip or enjoyment of any other participant. If CCJ or the LUAA decides not to retain a participant during the trip, CCJ assumes no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the trip or for any additional expenses incurred by the participant.



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Dear Lehigh Alumni and Friends,

Israel and Jordan are part of the Holy Land where Judaism, Christianity and Islam all have their roots. Israel is also the site of the in gathering of a diverse population returning from the Jewish Diaspora to create a vibrant modern culture. The histories and the challenges in both ancient and modern times make Israel a fascinating destination, and the magnificent archaeological sites inspire travelers from around the world.

You'll experience Israel and Jordan from the inside, spending two nights in an Orthodox Jewish kibbutz, discussing daily life with nuns at Bet-Jamal Monastery in the Ella Valley, and having tea with a Bedouin family near the monumental excavations at Petra described by a poet as a "rose-red city half as old as time." You also have the option of sharing dinner with a host family in Jerusalem.

Among the many highlights of this journey are ancient Petra, which you will approach on horseback, the sacred and multicultural city of Jerusalem, and the route along the Kings' Highway, one of the oldest trade routes in the world, to Mt. Nebo, which has been a holy place and a destination for pilgrims since the very beginnings of Christianity.

We invite you to take this opportunity to travel with fellow Lehigh alumni and friends on this enlightening adventure to places where ancient history coexists with a nexus of experiment, encounter and change in the modern world.

Space is limited, so I encourage you to reserve now. To make a telephone reservation, please call our alumni travel office at 610-758-4682. For more information about the tour, you may call me at 610-758-4682. Don't forget about Bonus Savings: save \$400 per couple or \$200 per person by making your reservation and paying in full by July 31, 2008.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Wolfenden
Director, Alumni Benefits and Services
Lehigh University Alumni Association

THE LEHIGH UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: ISRAEL & JORDAN: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE AGES

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$___ (\$1,000 per person) for ___person/people on the **Israel & Jordan: A Journey Through the Ages** tour departing on January 25, 2009. Please make checks payable to Cross-Culture, LLC and mail to Lehigh University Alumni Association, 27 Memorial Drive West, Bethlehem, PA 18015. You may also register by phone at 610-758-4682, or by fax at 610-758-3316.

Name _____ Name _____
(As it appears on your passport) *(Class Year)* *(As it appears on your passport)* *(Class Year)*

Name you go by _____ Name you go by _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Business phone _____ Email _____

I will share a room with _____ I desire a single room

I/we would like to request an airfare upgrade to First Class (The cost of the upgrade is dependent on your departure city)

NOTE: By making a deposit and enrolling in this program, I agree that I have read and accept the general terms and conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date: _____

If paying by credit card, please complete this section: Card type: MasterCard Visa

Name of Cardholder _____ Account Number _____

Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by Cross-Culture, LLC, our tour operator for this program. The balance of the program price, due prior to October 20, 2009, must be paid to Cross-Culture, LLC.

Your Small Group Tour Operator:

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