



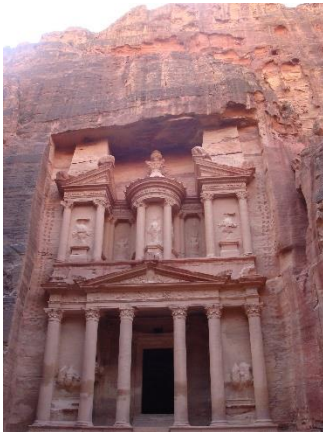
The Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California

invites you to

ISRAEL AND JORDAN

April 22 – May 5, 2018

Join our Grand High Priest, Randy Downey and his wife Micki, as we embark on journey of discovery, through the historical wonder that is Israel, and view the beautiful country of Jordan. We will explore and celebrate our Masonic heritage, as we visit so many places that are of historic and symbolic importance to all Masons, especially to those in Royal Arch Masonry. Experience the beauty and wonder of Petra, and spend a night in the desert in a Bedouin tent hotel, miles from everything. This will truly be an amazing journey.



***Join us for a journey of discovery, adventure, and fun.
It will be a profound Masonic experience.***

Everyone is welcome!



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Your 14-day journey includes all of the following:

- Round trip air from California to Tel Aviv, Israel
- 11 nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- Full breakfast and dinner daily
- All ground transportation, via deluxe motor coach
- All entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Services of licensed, experienced guide in Israel and Jordan
- All gratuities for guides, drivers, hotel waiters and porters
- All border fees and taxes
- Domestic flight from Eilat to Tel Aviv for return home
- Star & Compass Travel tour escorts present throughout the tour
- Special gift from Vared HaSharon, your tour host
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Join the members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of California, and their families and friends, as we explore the wonders of Israel and Jordan. Visit the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. Explore the place where the symbolic history of Masonry begins. See the old city of Joppa (Jaffa), and float in the Dead Sea. Taste wine on the Golan Heights. Visit the fabled city of Petra, carved into the rock. And spend the night at a Bedouin tent hotel in the Jordanian desert. Don't miss this thrilling adventure.

Inclusive Package Price

\$4,679.⁰⁰ per person*

Terms and Conditions: Package price is an estimate, as airfares are not known at this time. Prices are per person based upon double occupancy, and based on a minimum participation of 30 travelers. Fewer travelers may result in increased fare of approximately \$150 per person. Single price is \$5,890.00. Additional costs are travel insurance (highly recommended), meals not provided in package (lunch), and personal purchases. Premiums for travel insurance must be paid at time of purchase of insurance, which may be done any time after Initial booking. Full payment is due no later than February 21, 2018. Deposits are refundable, less a \$50 per person administrative fee, if canceled before January 1, 2018. Insurance premiums are not refundable.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Sunday, April 22 DEPART USA
Today, board your international flight for Israel. Dinner and overnight onboard.

Day 2: Monday, April 23 ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL
Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport. You will be met by your tour leader and transferred to your hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight.

Day 3: Tuesday, April 24 TEL AVIV, JAFFA
After breakfast, visit the city of TEL AVIV-JAFFA, beginning in the area of the ancient port of JAFFA, which Jewish legend attributes to Japheth, son of Noah, and Greek

tradition attributes to Joppa, daughter of the gods of the winds. It was here in the 8th Century, B.C., according to the Bible, that Jonah started his journey to Nineveh. Much of Old Jaffa has been lovingly restored with renovated houses, artists' studios and galleries. Continue to Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood in Tel Aviv, founded in 1909. Visit Independence Hall, where the modern State of Israel was declared in 1948. Along Rothschild Boulevard, view examples of international-style "Bauhaus" architecture, recognized by UNESCO as a "World Heritage Site". Visit the colorful Carmel Market and the Nahalat Binyamin pedestrian mall. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Wednesday, April 25 CAESAREA, GALILEE

After breakfast, depart Tel Aviv along the Mediterranean coastal road to CAESAREA, built by Herod the Great as the capital of the Roman province of Judea. Visit the ruins of the Roman, Byzantine and Crusader period, including the theater, hippodrome and palace of the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. Continue north along the coast to HAIFA, for a magnificent view of Mt. Carmel of the Galilee and the Baha'i Gardens. Continue north to Acre (AKKO), the Canaanite and later Phoenician port city that became a Crusader stronghold and their capital after the fall of Jerusalem. As an Ottoman Turkish port and fortress it withheld Napoleon's attack in 1799. The Crusader ruins have been restored among many khans, bazaars and mosques. Drive to your hotel in Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Thursday, April 26 GALILEE, GOLAN

After breakfast, drive to Tel Dan nature reserve and archaeological site, located by one of the tributaries of the Jordan River. Visit Banias, a pagan city dedicated to the god Pan, rebuilt by Herod the Great's son, Philip and known in the New Testament as Caesarea Philippi. Ascend to the Golan Heights, which offers spectacular views of Israel, Lebanon, and Syria. Visit a local winery to learn about their production, and taste the results. Descend to the area of the Sea of Galilee to visit Capernaum, a Jewish city that was the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. The ancient synagogue still standing was built on the foundations of an earlier one dating back to the 1st Century AD. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Galilee.

Day 6: Friday, April 27 NAZARETH, JERUSALEM

After breakfast, drive south to BEIT SHEAN – Scythopolis in Roman times, and one of the 10 cities of the Roman Decapolis, with extensive archaeological excavations depicting a highly developed Roman city, destroyed not in battle, but by earthquake. Depart Galilee through the JORDAN VALLEY by JERICHO, one of the world's oldest walled cities. Begin your ascent to Jerusalem, stopping for a breathtaking view from Mt. Scopus. Check into your Jerusalem hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Saturday, April 28 JERUSALEM

Enter Old Jerusalem today through the Dung Gate to visit the Temple Mount, where King Solomon's Temple once stood and where today the Dome of the Rock dominates the skyline. Visit the Western (Wailing) Wall, the holiest site in the Jewish world. Go beneath the surface to learn more about the fascinating history of this focal point, through the Western Wall Tunnels. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, visiting the sites where world-changing events took place, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest site in the Christian world. Depart the Old City to visit Zedekiah's Cave ("King Solomon's Quarries"), with particular Masonic significance. Continue on to visit the Israel Museum, including a model of Jerusalem from the time of the 2nd temple (1st Century AD) and the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Along the way, view the Knesset (Israel's parliament) and Supreme Court, as well as other national institutions. Return to your hotel and dinner overnight.

Day 8: Sunday, April 29**JERUSALEM**

Explore Jerusalem in the "City of David" – the original Jebusite city chosen by King David as the Capital of Israel.

Ascend to Mt. Zion, the traditional site of the tomb of King David, and the Upper room site of the "Last Supper" of Jesus and his disciples. Begin the day by entering the Old City of Jerusalem through the Zion Gate. Walk along the Cardo, the main street of Roman Jerusalem. Visit the excavations of the homes of the wealthy priestly families of the Temple and visit the remains of a home that burned as the Temple itself was destroyed. Visit the excavations along the retaining wall of the Temple Mount, and at the Davidson Center learn of the daily activities of the Temple that was the center and holiest place in pre-rabbinic Judaism. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9: Monday, April 30 JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM

Begin the day with a view of Jerusalem from the top of the Mt. of Olives. Descend along the "Palm Sunday" route to the Garden of Gethsemane, where you will visit the garden with its ancient olive trees, as well as the adjacent Church of All Nations. Continue on to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in continuous use in the world, located above the traditional site of Jesus' birth. Return to Jerusalem to visit Yad VaShem, the national museum and memorial to the Holocaust. Later, enjoy a Masonic activity, perhaps with brethren from a local Royal Arch Chapter. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 10: Tuesday, May 1 DEAD SEA, WADI MUSA

Depart Jerusalem through the Judean Desert to QUMRAN, the remains of a desert settlement where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Travel to the DEAD SEA – the lowest spot on earth, for a unique floating and swimming experience. Continue on though the NEGEV DESERT to the Arava Border Terminal, just north of Eilat, King Solomon's Etzion Gaber port city. After border formalities, drive across the desert to Wadi Musa, the Jordanian town adjacent to Petra. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 11: Wednesday, May 2**PETRA**

After breakfast, begin your visit to Petra, the ancient hidden desert city, capital of the Nabatean empire, and birthplace of Herod the Great. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 12: Thursday, May 3**PETRA, WADI RUM**

After breakfast, continue your visit to Petra. Then drive though the desert to WADI RUM, with its amazing desert landscapes, to enjoy a jeep safari though the areas reminiscent of scenes from "Lawrence of Arabia". Here you may have the opportunity to ride a camel, and visit with Bedouins in their camp. This evening check into your Bedouin tent hotel, here in the Wadi Rum desert – a truly unique experience, for dinner and overnight.

Day 13, Friday, May 4**EILAT, TEL AVIV**

After breakfast, drive to Eilat, a resort town on the Red Sea. Enjoy the sites of the city, and after some leisure time, this evening you will board a flight to Ben Gurion International Airport, for your return flight home. Board the international flight late tonight.

Day 14: Saturday, May 5**ARRIVE HOME**

Arrive home today with memories of your journey to treasure until your next visit.

Space is limited. Sign up today!

TRAVELER INFORMATION

Traveler #1: Full Legal Name: _____ U.S. Citizen? ___ Yes ___ No

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Royal Arch Mason? ___ Y ___ N Chapter _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Date of Birth (required): _____

Email: _____

Check here if traveling as a single _____

Traveler #2: Full Legal Name: _____ U.S. Citizen? ___ Yes ___ No

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Royal Arch Mason? ___ Y ___ N Chapter _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Date of Birth (required): _____

Email: _____

TRAVEL INSURANCE**Travel Insurance** is highly recommended. Do you want Travel Insurance? ___ Yes ___ No**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:**

Describe any special travel arrangements here, tour extensions, etc. (include desired departure / return dates if different than stated tour dates)

Bed Configuration: ___ One Bed ___ Two Beds Special Dietary Needs _____

Other Special Needs: _____

Terms and Conditions: Deposit of \$300 per person is required at time of booking. Prices are per person based upon double occupancy. Additional costs include travel insurance, lunches, and personal purchases. Travel insurance may be arranged at any time after initial booking. Package will include round-trip air. Full payment is due by February 21, 2018. Deposits are refundable, less a \$50 per person administrative fee, if cancelled before January 1, 2018. Premiums paid for travel insurance are not refundable.

Total Deposit Amount paid: \$ _____ Paid by: ___ Check # _____ ___ Credit Card

(If paying deposit by check, please also provide credit card information for air fare, travel insurance, and/or additional tour payments)

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