

INCLUSIONS

what your tour price of **\$5400 CAD + \$110 USD (TIPS)** includes

Cost is based on Double occupancy. Single Supplement cost additional CAD \$1200

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AIRFARE– Return Economy Class Group Airfare as per the Itinerary

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ACCOMMODATION In 3* Hotels (Twin Bedded Room)

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MEALS – Continental Buffet Breakfast, Packed/ Buffet Lunches & Dinners as Mentioned.

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Services of Royale Orchid Tour Manager or/ and Local Guides in Select Cities.

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SIGHTSEEING & ENTRANCE Fees, Transfers, Surface Transportation As Mentioned By A Deluxe AC/ Air Cool Coach.

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DAILY MASS AT UNFORGETTABLE locations

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- Any increase in Airfare, Visa Fees, Airport & Govt Taxes and the rate of exchange leading to an increase in surface transportation and land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure. The tour price is subject to increase, without notice.

- Any expenses such as Tourist Tax and of personal nature such as portorage, laundry expenses, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menus provided by us, mini-bar, telephone calls, tips to the drivers, hotel waiters, local guides etc. are to be borne by the passengers. Meals are pre-set and a choice of menu is not available.

- Anything not mentioned in “What your Tour Price Includes box”

- Any change in date of travel/ deviation from original group travel dates that will result in an increase in airfare and applicable taxes.

- Personal Insurance.

BOOKINGS AND DEPOSITS – You must complete and sign the official Royale Orchid Booking form given below and read terms and conditions of the tour below. Please enclose an initial non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person (adult / child) towards the cost of the tour. All cheques must be payable to Royale Orchid Tours and Holidays upon which you will receive an official receipt. Your receipt is written confirmation of your tour. However, it is not valid for travel on tour.

BALANCE PAYMENTS – Balance payments towards the costs of the tour must reach us at least 90 days prior to departure of the tour Date.

AMENDMENTS – A transfer from one tour to another will be treated as a cancellation from a tour and a fresh booking of another. Therefore, cancellation rules will apply. Tour Itinerary/ Hotel/ Airlines/ Flights/ routes are subject to change without prior information.

CANCELLATION – All services such as airline seats / hotel accommodation / ground transportation are pre-booked well in advance. We are liable to pay penalties to all our suppliers/ vendors if these services are released within the mentioned period.

If cancellation is made:

90 – 61 days prior to departure – 25% of tour package price less Deposit

60 – 46 days prior to departure – 50% of tour package price less Deposit

45 days or less prior to departure – 100% of tour package price

CREDIT CARD – Tour prices are based on cheque / E-transfer / Cash payments . Credit card payments will incur an additional service fee of 4% of the tour price.

HOLY LAND

with Turkey & Egypt

DAY 1 – DEPARTURE FROM CANADA

Pack your bags and set off on your tour. Departure from Vancouver to Istanbul

DAY 2 – ISTANBUL

Arrive in Istanbul (Dinner and Overnight)

DAY 3 – KUSADASI / SELCUK (TOUR OF EPHEBUS AND HOUSE OF ST. MARY) / KUSADASI

Today we will take our domestic flight to Kayseri early morning / afternoon to Izmir. We will drive for Selcuk town. First, we will visit the House of Virgin Mary.

After lunch, we will visit the ruins of Ephesus, famous throughout the ancient world for its Temple of Artemis. First visit Hadrian Temple. It is dating back to 118 AD. This impressive Corinthian style temple has beautiful reliefs on the porch. According to local beliefs, the Medusa head on the porch would protect the city from its enemies. Proceed to Celsus Library. The library is the best structure of its kind. They embellished the façade of the library with four statues personifying virtue, wisdom, fate and genius. Visit the Great Theater where is believed that St John gave his preach to Ephesians.

Last, we will the Basilica of St John. You will visit the ruins of Basilica that was constructed upon the burial ground of St John in the 6th century.

Overnight in Kusadasi

DAY 4 – KUSADASI

Enjoy the beach resort town on Turkey's western Aegean coast. A jumping-off point for visiting the classical ruins at nearby Ephesus (or Efes), it's also a major cruise ship destination. Its seafront promenade, marina, and harbor are lined with hotels and restaurants. Just offshore on Pigeon Island is a walled Byzantine castle that once guarded the town, connected to the mainland via causeway.



DAY 5 – ISTANBUL

After breakfast, we will depart to airport for our domestic flight back to Istanbul– Kusdasi to Istanbul – Morning flight

First, we will visit Hippodrome, which was one of the largest chariot race grounds of the Byzantine Empire. Here you can see the Egyptian Obelisk and the Serpentine Column. Then continue to Blue Mosque one of Istanbul's most venerable monuments. Once inside you will see how the mosque got its name, viewing the colorful blue Iznik tiles that adorn the interior. These tiles are from the peak of Iznik tile production in the early 17th Century.

After lunch, Visit the magnificent Topkapi Palace Museum. So you will gain a fascinating insight into this grandiose complex of buildings that formed the residence of the Sultans for 400 years. Enjoy the exhibitions such as 'Sacred Trusts', 'Portraits of Sultans', 'Kitchen' and 'Imperial Weapons'.

St Sophia, the Church of Divine wisdom and a testament to the sophistication of the 6th Century. The vast edifice was built over two earlier churches and inaugurated by Emperor Justinian in 537. Also The immense dome is an architectural marvel. It seems to hover overhead.

DAY 6 – ISTANBUL

After breakfast, you will visit Spice Bazaar that wins the prize for being the most colorful, fragrant, and often the most fun – as visitors can taste the goods on offer. After lunch, Visit the Grand Bazaar, the largest and oldest covered Bazaar in Turkey with more than 4,000 shops. So A variety of handicrafts, carpets, rare jewels and souvenirs all sold in small shops next to each other.

Last we will have moonlight cruise on Bosphorus. Overnight in Istanbul



DAY 7 – CAIRO

Meet at the Airport for the flight Cairo, Capital of Egypt
We arrive at Cairo airport and after all formalities are completed, board our coach to our hotel. Later this evening we proceed for a River Nile Cruise with Buffet Dinner, Sufi Music, Floor shows and Entertainment before returning to our Hotel for a delicious dinner. Overnight at your First Class Deluxe Hotel in Egypt.
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DAY 8 – DISCOVER CAIRO AND THE SPHINX

After breakfast, we will proceed on a tour to discover the mysteries of Egypt. Starting with the spectacular Pyramids of Giza and the mysterious Sphinx, we continue on a Mother Mary Coptic Church tour. After lunch we visit the world-famous Egyptian Museum. We will see the ancient art of making paper at the Papyrus Paper Making Gallery and test the various perfumes at the 1000 Perfume store. Dinner and Overnight at Your First-Class Deluxe Hotel, Egypt.

DAY 9 – SINAI –TABA

Today after breakfast, we check out and proceed towards Sinai. Enroute we will have our lunch. Continue our journey towards Sinai, passing through the arid desert that Moses roamed to St. Catherine, Sinai. After a delicious dinner, overnight at your hotel.

DAY 10 – ST. CATHERINE’S MONASTERY, THE BURNING BUSH

After breakfast, we visit St. Catherine’s Monastery. Set beneath the mountains where Moses is said to have received the Ten Commandments. St. Catherine’s Monastery has been one of the world’s great centers of religious pilgrimages for over fifteen centuries. Among its incredibly important religious and historical structures are treasures of ancient manuscripts and icons, second only to the Vatican itself, and a 6th century church reputed to lie directly on the site of the Burning Bush. The rest of the evening is free to relax at your hotel. Dinner and overnight at your First Class Deluxe Hotel, Egypt.

DAY 11 – JERICHO

After Breakfast, we cross the border via the Egyptian border at Taba and into Israel. After we complete all immigration and border crossing formalities, we cross over to Israel. We visit the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth. We will be hosted at a private beach, where we will float and relax in the Dead Sea. All entry fees and shower fees will be borne by us. Continue... to then enter Jericho, the oldest city in the world, drink and splash our eyes with water at the Elisa’s spring (if Open). See the Sycamore Tree, where Zacchaeus, the corrupt tax collector climbed to have a better view of Jesus. Jesus also cured the blind mind here. Stop for a view of the Mount of Temptation. Overnight in Jericho

DAY 12 – O HOLY TOWN OF BETHLEHEM.....

After your lunch break, we proceed to Bethlehem, the City of David. In Bethlehem we visit the Manger Square and the Church of Nativity, where the most precious moments of any pilgrim to the Holy Land are those spent in the Grotto of the Nativity, where Our Lord Jesus was born. Visit the Shepherds Field where the Angel appeared to the Shepherds to Announce the Birth of Jesus. Later this evening, check into your hotel. After a sumptuous dinner we retire for the night at our First Class hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 13 – WALK IN THE WAY OF THE LORD.....

after breakfast, we leave on a Walking Pilgrimage of the Old City via the Dung Gate where the bustle, costumes, colors and aromas stimulate the imagination and one can imagine the atmosphere was not much different in ancient times. His Final path – the Via Dolorosa. The road is paved in cobblestones and paving stones from the Herodian Period, with special semicircular arrangements at each Station of the Cross. Thus, in following the footsteps of Jesus on His final way, one is walking on stones from the very age to the sites of the last stations and Golgotha, the place where Jesus was crucified. On the way you see and place your hand in the Rock, where Jesus placed his hand and the rock melted. Mass at the church of the Holy Sepulcher.



Enter the Holy Sepulcher Church and the Original Tomb, where Jesus was buried and rose again on the Third Day – a place of quiet devotion where the facts of Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection are the central message, as they are the life and worship of those who visit it. See the Golden Dome of the Rock (Entrance to the mosque is restricted). We visit the Pater Noster Church where Jesus gave us the Lord’s Prayer “Our Father”. Around the church and gardens, we find the prayer in six-foot ceramics in every language under the sun.

After lunch, we proceed to Mount Zion. We see King David’s Tomb and the Upper Room where we commemorate the Last Supper (Luke 22:7-13). We also visit the Garden of Gethsemane and to the Basilica of the Agony, also known as the Church of All Nations. A huge rock stands before the altar of the church – the Rock of Agony, at this rock, the Son of God knelt in the agony of death. Back to the hotel for a delicious dinner. Overnight at your First Class hotel in Bethlehem

DAY 14 – BETHANY / ENCAREM /JERUSALEM OVERNIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

Today we depart for Bethlehem. En route we visit Haifa and Mt. Carmel, the “burning place” where Elijah called fire down to confound the prophets of Baal. Here we celebrate Mass. We continue via Cesarea, the ancient Roman Capital by the sea. On to Bethlehem dinner and overnight.

DAY 15 – CHURCH OF CANA, MOUNT CARMEL & NAZARETH

After breakfast, we proceed to Nazareth the boyhood town of Jesus to visit the church of the Annunciation, built over the grotto where Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary, and announced that she would bear a son, Jesus. Walk across the courtyard to St. Joseph’s Workshop. Visit Mary’s well and collect some water for your loved ones. Later we drive to the little Church of Cana, where we commemorate Jesus’ first miracle when he turned water into wine. Continue on vi city of Caesarea to Haifa, a city located on the slope of Mount Carmel. We drive past the Stella Maris church and onwards to the famous Persian hanging gardens to view the Bahia’s Founders Shrine. After a sumptuous dinner and overnight in your First Class Deluxe Hotel in Nazareth.

DAY 16 – SEA OF GALILEE CHURCH OF THE MULTIPLICATION OF LOAVES AND FISHES, THE HOUSE OF PETER

After breakfast, we then drive through the countryside of Galilee to the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus calmed the storm and walked on the waters. And visit mount Tabor to celebrate mass. Our boat ride across the Sea of Galilee is made in a replica of the Galilean Fishing Boat of Jesus’s time (Luke 8,22:25) but with an engine. We will stop for a special Buffet lunch of the most famous St. Peter’s Fish. Magnificent view from the top of the Mount of Transfiguration. On to Nazareth to visit the Church of Annunciation, Mary’s Well, the Church of Joseph and the Old Market Then on to Jordan River to see the traditional Baptismal Site of Jesus. Visit the beautiful and magnificent Italian church on the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus gave the Sermon of the Mount. We stop at Taghba to visit the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes (Matt14:15-20). The famous 4th century mosaic has been incorporated in the reconstruction of the Byzantine Basilica. We will also visit The Church of Primacy of Peter, built over the rock at the sea edge. Later at Capernaum, we remember Christ’s Galilean ministry for it was here that he called Peter, Mathew and Andrew. We see the House of Peter & the Old Broken Synagogue where he did most of his preaching’s. Overnight at your First-Class Hotel in Nazareth.

DAY 17 – DEPART FROM TEL AVIV FOR CANADA BY BRITISH AIRWAYS

